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FOR TIMES OF TROUBLE:

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TO THE BLESSED MEMORY OF ONE
WHOSE DYING BED WAS CHEERED BY THESE DEVOTIONS ;

AND WHO

LIVING IN CLOSE COMMUNION WITH

The Lord,

WAS ENABLED WITH CHEERFUL PATIENCE,

To follow Him,

IN HUNGER AND THIRST, IN PAINFULNESS AND WEARINESS,

THROUGH A LONG PROTRACTED PERIOD,

UNTIL SHE FELL ASLEEP

In Him,

ON THE NIGHT OF THE COMMEMORATION OF

His Sacred Passion,

IN THE YEAR OF GRACE,

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ADVERTISEMENT.

THE favourable reception of the former part of this Work, the "Companion for the Sick-Room," which was prepared chiefly for the Editor's patients, encourages him to complete the task by the publication of these Devotions, which he hopes will prove useful and consoling to the afflicted.

Many litanies have been introduced, the short and fervent petitions of which will be found the most suitable for invalids, who are seldom able to go through a long continuous prayer. An attempt has also been made to frame several offices, or services, with the view of cultivating that habit of systematic devotion, so essential to growth in grace. The daily and devout use of the Psalms of David, whose divinely-inspired prayers and praises have in all ages formed so large a portion of the sacred services of the Church, will be found most conducive to our advancement in the Divine life; for in them we may find petitions suited to all states and conditions; and promises to cheer under the most overwhelming trials.

Frequent and earnest prayer is the great secret of the Christian's strength ; and he who would live above the perturbations of this world, and amidst all the storms and trials which beat upon him, dwell in calm and unshaken confidence in God, must thus maintain close fellowship with his Saviour. Every thought and affection must be centred in God, every doubt, difficulty, and temptation must be taken in humble prayer to His sacred footstool, if we would "abide under the shadow of the Almighty," be hid in the secret of His presence "from the provoking of all men," and kept secretly in His "tabernacle from the strife of tongues." Fervent prayer opens the windows of heaven, brings down the Spirit from on high, spiritualizes the whole inner man, and raises the soul to intimate communion with the ever-blessed Trinity; and he will lead the most unearthly life, who is most frequent and devout in the practice of this most blessed privilege and duty. Let each one into whose hands this book may fall, also diligently study and use the "Book of Common Prayer;" he will thus attain that holiness, resignation, and peace, which was so conspicuous in her to whose memory this book is dedicated; for a particular account of whom see a "Memorial,"* entitled, "The Doctrine of the Cross, exhibited in the Faith and Patience of a humble Follower of Christ."

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FEAST OF ST. JAMES, 1843.

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A Table of the Collects.

*This Table of the Collects in the Book of Common Prayer and the List of
valuable Devotional Works, may be useful to the devoutly disposed.*

Comfort of the Holy Ghost	<i>Sun. aft. Ascension-day.</i>
Illumination of the Holy Ghost	<i>Whitsunday.</i>
Direction of the Holy Ghost	<i>19th Sun. aft. Trinity.</i>
For the Gifts of the Holy Ghost	<i>St. Barnabas.</i>
Means of Grace; Hearing	<i>St. Barthol. and St. Luke.</i>
————— Reading	<i>2nd Sun. in Advent.</i>
————— Fasting	<i>1st Sun. in Lent.</i>
To convert us from Sin	<i>1st Sun. in Advent, 1st aft. Easter, Sts. Andrew, James, and Matthew.</i>
Pardon of Sin, and Acceptance with God	<i>12th, 21st, 24th Sun. aft. Trin., 2nd aft. Epiph., Purification.</i>
To rescue us from Temptation.	<i>4th Sun. in Adv., 4th aft. Epiph., 18th aft. Trinity.</i>
To enable us to do good	<i>5th Sun. aft. Easter, 1st, 9th, 11th, 13th, 17th, and 25th aft. Trin.</i>
To bring us to Glory	<i>Epiphany, 6th Sun. aft. Epiph.</i>
Regeneration	<i>Christmas-Day.</i>
Charity	<i>Quinquagesima.</i>
Mortification	<i>Circumcision, East. Eve.</i>
Contrition	<i>Ash-Wednesday.</i>
Sincerity	<i>3rd Sun. aft. East.</i>
Love of God and His laws	<i>4th Sun. aft. East. 6th and 14th aft. Trin.</i>

Heavenly Desires	<i>Ascension.</i>
Right and firm Faith	<i>Trin. Sun. 7th Sun. aft.</i> <i>Sts. Thomas & St. Mark.</i>
Imitation of Christ	<i>Sun. bef. East. 2d Sun.</i> <i>aft.</i>
Imitation of Saints	<i>Sts. Stephen, Paul, Philip,</i> <i>and James. John Bapt.</i>
Deliverance from Enemies	<i>3d Sun. in Lent.</i>
Guarding of Angels and God's Providence	<i>2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 20th</i> <i>Sun. aft. Trin. St. Michael.</i>
Deliverance from Judgments	<i>Sexagesima, Septuagesima.</i> <i>4th Sun. in Lent.</i>
Support under Afflictions	<i>3rd and 4th aft. Epiph.</i>
Defence from Evil, and supply of Good.	<i>8th, 15th, aft. Trinity.</i>
The Church	<i>5th aft. Epiph. 3rd aft. East.</i> <i>St. John. Good Friday.</i> <i>5th, 16th, 22d aft. Trin.</i>
For the Unity of the Church	<i>Sts. Simon and Jude.</i> <i>Serv. for Accession.</i>
For the Clergy	<i>St. Matthias. St. Peter.</i> <i>3rd Sun. in Advent.</i>
The People may be kept in Truth, and Unity of Peace	<i>St. John. 5th, 6th, and</i> <i>12th Sun. aft. Trin.</i>

BOOKS OF DEVOTION.

Bishop Andrewes' Meditations and Devotions	<i>Rivington</i>
————— Devotions	<i>Pickering</i>
Bishop Taylor's Golden Grove	<i>Rivington</i>
Sherlock's Practical Christian	<i>Rivington</i>
Ken on Divine Love	<i>Burns</i>
Spinckes's Church of England-man's Companion	<i>Rivington</i>
Kettlewell's Companion for the Penitent	<i>Burns</i>
Eucharistica	<i>Ditto</i>
Nelson on Communion	<i>Ditto</i>
Patrick's Christian Sacrifice	<i>second-hand book</i>

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Devotions for the Sick-Room.

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Morning Prayers,

COMPILED FROM ANCIENT OFFICES, AND THE
DEVOTIONAL WRITINGS OF BISHOPS ANDREWES,
J. TAYLOR, WILSON, AND DEAN HICKES.

I.—AN EARLY SERVICE TO BE USED ON FIRST
AWAKING OR RISING.*

EJACULATIONS.

I LAID me down and slept, and rose up again,
because Thou, Lord, didst make me dwell in safety
(Ps. iv. 8.)

I have thought upon Thee in the morning, because
Thou hast been my helper; therefore, under the
shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hangeth
upon Thee; Thy right hand hath upholden me.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, my God, and the God
of my fathers, who turnest the shadow of death into
the morning, and renewest the face of the earth; who
hast enlightened my eyes that I should not sleep in
death. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, all glory be to
Thee, for the sleep and protection which Thou hast
graciously given me this night.

PRAYERS.

O THOU, who hast foretold that Thou wilt return
to judgment in an hour that we are not aware of;

* In these services the plural pronouns are frequently used, with
the view of leading the sick person to intercede for others, and to sym-
pathize with, and realize the oneness of the Body of which he is a
member.

grant us grace to watch and pray always, that, whether Thou shalt come at even, or at midnight, or in the morning, Thou mayest find us among the number of those servants who shall be blessed in watching for their Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glorify be to the holy, consubstantial, undivided Trinity, the Giver of life, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages.

II.—MORNING PRAYER.

[One or more of the following sentences may be used at discretion:]

I AM the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. (Jer. xi. 25, 26.)

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. (Heb. ix. 27.)

He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. (Matt. viii. 16, 17.)

Who now rejoice in my sufferings, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh, for His Body's sake, which is the Church. That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made con-

formable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (Col. i. 24; Phil. iii. 10, 11.)

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Rom. viii. 18.)

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (1 Pet. iv. 12, 13.)

Cast all your care upon Him, for He careth for you. (1 Pet. v. 7.)

INVITATORY.

COME, O my soul, worship thy God, to whom all things do live. He is the great Creator of the world, and Sovereign Judge of all mankind. He sits above on His glorious throne, and in His hands are the keys of life and death. Whatever He pleases He brings to pass, and none can resist His Almighty power; whatsoever He does is still the best, and none can accuse His all-perfect goodness.

Come, O my soul, bow down and confess to Him, who alone can forgive sin.

CONFESSION.

O ETERNAL, Infinite, and Omnipotent God! whose gracious wisdom vouchsafes to command such things as are necessary to fit us for everlasting bliss, and to forbid such as are apt to make us eternally unhappy, I, a miserable sinner, humbly prostrate myself before Thy adorable Majesty; and, with true and hearty sorrow, accuse and condemn myself. I confess, O Lord God, that I have grievously sinned against Thee, in thought, word, and deed. [*Here pause*

and examine yourself.] But have Thou mercy upon me, O most merciful Father, for Thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Advocate. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ABSOLUTION.

THE great and glorious Lord of heaven and earth, have mercy upon me, forgive my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. And grant to His whole Church, pardon, absolution, and remission of all their sins. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

V. O holy Father, the Physician and Healer of our souls and bodies;

R. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are weak;

V. For thy property is to have mercy, and save us.

R. Thou art the Fountain of healing, O our God, and to Thee I offer up my praise, with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy Spirit, of the same substance, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

ANTIPHON.

Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise;
That I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

[Here may be used one or more of the Psalms appointed for the day.]

LESSON.*

(Job v. 6—9, 11, 17, 19.)

ALTHOUGH affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; yet man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward. I would seek unto God, and unto God would I com-

* Those who have sufficient strength should read one of the Lessons appointed by the Church.

mit my cause: which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number: to set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty; for He maketh sore and bindeth up: He woundeth, and His hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season.

PRAYER.—Cause me, O God, to believe Thy word, to obey Thy commands, to fear Thy judgments, and to hope in, and depend upon, Thy gracious promises, contained in Thy holy word, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

[*Here the Te Deum may be said.*]

“ We praise thee, O God.”

[*Or, this Psalm of praise :*]

“ Praise the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.”

WE praise Thee, O Lord. Almighty Father, we praise Thee.

Everlasting, true, and only Son, we praise Thee.

Never-ending Holy Spirit: Discoverer of secrets, we praise Thee.

All-powerful, unchanging, unceasing One, we praise Thee.

The guilty praise Thee.

All that Thou hast made in heaven and earth praise Thee, the Holy, Almighty, Self-existent One.

Because Thy righteousness is great, and Thy blessings are scattered without measure: and Thy judgments are righteous, and like the great deep, we praise Thee.

Thou who art the Fulness of the empty; the Light of the blind; the Restorer of the lost; we praise Thee.

Lover of the desolate; Father of the fatherless; Judge of the widows; Helper of the helpless; Healer of the sick, we praise Thee.

King of kings, from all generations, Thou art praised.

For Thou art the blessed God, the lover of mankind, and to Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all praise now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

SECOND LESSON.

(St. John xiv. 1—4, 21, 23, 25—27; xvi. 20—24, 33.)

LET not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. If a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now, therefore, have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name He will give it you. Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

[Then repeat the Creed: and afterwards say,]

V. O holy God, O holy and mighty, O holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

R. O Christ, the Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

V. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

R. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us; as we put our trust in Thee.

V. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness;

R. And let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.

V. O Lord, save Thy people; bless, govern, and lift them up for ever.

R. O Lord, save the Queen; and all the Royal Family.

V. O think upon Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thy precious blood.

R. Peace be within her walls, and plenteousness within her palaces.

V. Let the sighing of the sick ascend before Thee, O Lord.

R. And hear Thou their cry.

V. Sun of righteousness, arise upon us, with healing in Thy wings.

R. Enlighten and water our barren hearts with Thy Holy Spirit,

V. That we may rightly use the day of grace.

R. O Thou who camest in humility to save us,

V. Come now, graciously, to deliver us.

R. Lead Thy afflicted servants from the house of bondage ;

V. And rescue them from the power of the wicked one.

R. Strike, as Thou pleasest, our health, or our life;

V. But cast us not off in the midst of our sins ; nor suffer us to die impenitent ;

R. But make us, O Lord, ready for Thyself :

V. That we may all pass from death to life, and dwell with Thee in peace.

Prayers.

1. THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

2. PRAYER FOR PROTECTION.

O THOU most secret Providence, who governest all things by the counsel of Thy will. Whose hand can wound and heal ; lead down to the grave, and bring up again. Behold, O Lord my God, I bow before Thee, humbly beseeching Thee to preserve me this day from all dangers, to give me patience and resignation in this and all my affliction, constancy in temptation, and victory over all my spiritual enemies. Grant me sorrow for my sins, thankfulness for all Thy benefits, (especially for those of the night past,) fear of Thy judgments, love of Thy mercies, and mindfulness of Thy presence for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. PRAYER FOR SANCTIFIED AFFLICTIONS.

HEAR me, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend Thy accustomed goodness to me, Thy servant, who am now grieved with sickness. Sanctify, I beseech Thee, this, Thy Fatherly correction to me. Manifest Thy strength in my weakness, that the sense of that weakness may add strength to my faith, and seriousness to my repentance; that, if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore me to my former health, I may lead the residue of my life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory: or else, give me grace so to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life is ended, I may dwell with Thee in life everlasting: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. PRAYER FOR PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION.

MOST merciful and gracious Father, who, in the redemption of mankind by the passion of Thy most Holy Son, hast established a covenant of sufferings, I bless and magnify Thy name, for adopting me into the inheritance of sons, and giving me the portion of my Saviour and Elder Brother. Thou art the God of patience and consolation, strengthen me, I beseech Thee, in the inner man, that I may not only bear the yoke and burden of the Lord without murmuring, but may rejoice in this Thy dispensation. I am unable, of myself, to bear the Cross; but do Thou, O Holy Jesus, strengthen me to bear it. Lord, pity me; Lord, sanctify this my sickness; Holy Jesus, save me and deliver me. O suffer me not to offend Thee by impatience, nor weaken the hands and hearts of those that charitably minister to my needs: but let me pass through this valley of tears, and the valley of the shadow of death, with peace and safety, with a meek spirit, and sense of thy Divine mercies. Grant

this, O gracious Father, for the merits and intercession of our merciful High Priest, who once suffered for me, and for ever intercedes for me, our most gracious and ever blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

5. PRAYER FOR PHYSICIAN AND ATTENDANTS.

O most blessed and eternal Saviour, who art the great Physician of souls; and the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing on Thy wings: who orderest all things for the good of them that love Thee, be pleased to bless the attendance of Thy servant [N] to the restoration of my health; direct his judgment, prosper his medicines, and, if it be Thy holy will, dispose all things mercifully, that I, being restored to the society of the living, may praise Thy goodness in the congregation of Thy redeemed people. Bless all those dear and kind friends who minister to my necessities, give them patience to bear with my infirmities, and reward them in Thine everlasting kingdom. Give me grace to treat them with kindness, gentleness, and gratitude, for Christ's sake. Amen.

[Then may follow the "General Thanksgiving" from the Book of Common Prayer; and any Prayers of intercession which may be approved. Any of the Occasional Prayers for particular graces, and occasions, may be added to this service, or substituted for those here given, according to the discretion of the persons using them.]

THE BLESSING.

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence; and make us know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, we may receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

III.—SHORT MORNING PRAYERS, FROM THE SERVICES OF THE GREEK CHURCH.

[*One or more of these Prayers may be added to the foregoing service, or substituted for it when the sick person is too weak to bear a longer.*]

IN the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

[*After this, use some of the sentences at the beginning of Morning Prayer.*]

1. O LORD our God, I give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast (raised me from my bed, and) put into my mouth the words of Thy praise; that I may worship Thee, and call upon Thy Holy Name, and implore Thy compassions, which I have hitherto experienced through the whole course of my life. Send down Thine aid upon those who stand before the face of Thy Holy Glory, waiting for the riches of Thy mercy; grant them, with fear and love, to serve Thee, and praise Thine unspeakable goodness for ever.

For all glory, honour, and adoration are due unto Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

2. O HOLY and Incomprehensible Lord God, who didst bid the light to shine out of darkness; who hast refreshed us with sleep in the night, and raised us up to praise Thy goodness, and to pray unto Thee; we beseech Thee, through Thine own compassion, to receive us and the worship and thanks we now render unto Thee, according to our abilities; and grant us all things necessary for our salvation. Remember, O Lord, in the multitude of Thy mercies, all Thy people who at this time present their petitions with us; and all our brethren on the earth, or on the seas, in all parts of Thy dominions, who are in need of Thy special help and goodness; and grant them Thy protection, that, being saved, both soul and body, they may always continue to praise Thy wonderful and

blessed Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

3. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, (who hast raised us from our beds,) give us grace to return Thee acceptable thanks. Instruct us in Thy righteousness; for we know not how to pray unto Thee as we ought, unless Thou direct us, O Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit. We beseech Thee, pardon and forgive the sins we have committed, even unto this present hour, either by thought, word, or deed, voluntarily or involuntarily; for if Thou shouldest be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? But with Thee is redemption; Thou only art the Helper and Defender of our life, and in Thee is our continual glory.

Blessed and praised be the power of Thy kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

4. WE praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks unto Thee, O God of our fathers, that Thou hast brought us through the darkness of the night, and shown us again the light of day. We implore Thy goodness to forgive our sins, and to receive our prayer, according to Thy great mercy; for we flee unto Thee, the merciful and omnipotent God. Let the true Sun of righteousness shine in our hearts, enlighten our minds, and preserve all our senses; that, walking in the way of Thy commandments, we may attain unto everlasting life, for with Thee is the well of life; and come to the fruition of Thine inaccessible light.

Through the mercy, compassion, and loving-kindness of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom, together with Thy most Holy, Blessed, and life-giving Spirit, Thou art praised, now, and for ever. Amen.

5. ILLUMINATE our hearts, O Lord, Thou lover of mankind, with the pure light of Thy Divine Wisdom; and open the eyes of our minds to understand the preaching of Thy Gospel. Graft in us the (love) of Thy blessed commandments, that all carnal desires being subdued, we may be governed by the Spirit, and all our thoughts and works be pleasing in Thy sight. For thou art the sanctifier of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God; and to Thee we offer up our praise, with Thine Everlasting Father, and Thy most holy, blessed, and life-giving Spirit, now, and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Hours.

THE third, the sixth, and the ninth hours, they divide the day into even spaces of time, and are therefore allotted to prayer; that while we are intent upon other business, and may forget our duties towards God, the very hour when it comes may put us in mind thereof. And how can we do less than three times in the day, at least (besides morning and evening, which will invite us to prayer of themselves,) fall down and worship the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?—*S. Isidore.*

THE THIRD HOUR.

[*At this hour particular remembrance may be made of children and god-children.*

It includes the time from nine o'clock till noon; and the prayers may well be used after breakfast, and before entering on the general employments and business of the day.]

IN the exercise of devotion and prayer, we read that the three children and the prophet Daniel, strong in faith, and victorious in captivity, observed the third

hour of the day,—a mystery no doubt of the Holy and Blessed Trinity, which was afterwards to be made manifest, and a type of the Holy Ghost's descent at that very hour.—*S. Cyprian.*

SENTENCES.

AND it was the third hour. (Mark xv. 25.)
It is but the third hour of the day. (Acts ii. 15.)

Let your prayer be made at the third hour also ; for then it was that Pilate gave sentence upon our Lord and Saviour to have Him crucified.—*Const. Apost.*

At the third hour of the day let us give ourselves to holy supplication and prayer, having in continual remembrance the most glorious gift of the Holy Ghost which was then bestowed upon the Apostles of Christ.
—*S. Basil.*

HYMN.

COME, Holy Ghost, who ever one
Art with the Father and the Son ;
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls possess
With Thy full flood of holiness.
Let mouth, and heart, and flesh combine
To herald forth our creed divine ;
And love so wrap our mortal frame,
Others may catch the living flame.
This grace on Thy redeem'd confer,
Father, coequal Son,
And Holy Ghost the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One.

TEXT.

God is love ; and whosoever dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

O Thou who at the third hour didst send down the Holy Ghost into Thine Apostles,

Take not away that same Spirit from us, but renew Him daily in our hearts and fill them with the riches of His grace,

And save us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

And then the Prayers following.

ALMIGHTY God, who as about this hour didst instruct and replenish the hearts of Thy faithful servants by sending down upon them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things; that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to perform the same; through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was also at this hour contented to receive the bitter sentence of death for us, and now liveth and reigneth in the unity of the same blessed Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.—*Bp. Cosin.*

[*From the Confirmation Service.*]

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, and the well-spring of all divine graces, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us, being born in sin, by water and the Holy Ghost in the blessed laver of baptism, thereby receiving us into the number of Thy children, and making us heirs of everlasting life in the communion of all Thy glorious saints;* strengthen us, we beseech thee, O Lord, with that blessed Spirit of

* Look down upon us, O Lord, and upon those thou hast given us, and whom we have dedicated unto Thee; (*or*) and all those who are pledged unto Thee in that holy sacrament (*or both.*)

Thine, the ghostly Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy holy fear, even through Him who sent down the Spirit upon His Church, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Bp. Cosin.*

DOXOLOGIES.

THE Lord's name be praised from the rising up of the sun to the going down thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE SIXTH HOUR.

[At this hour particular remembrance may be made of the sick and afflicted members of Christ's body.

It includes the time from noon till three o'clock; and the prayers may well be said before partaking of the midday meal.]

BESIDES, we observe the sixth hour, not only for that we find holy men before us to have done the like, both in the Old Testament, as Daniel in his chamber, and in the New, as Peter upon his house; but also for that our Lord Jesus Christ was at this hour exalted upon the cross, like the serpent in the wilderness, that whosoever turneth to Him might be healed.—*S. Cyprian.*

SENTENCES.

AND it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth. (Luke xxiii.)

Peter went up upon the house-top to pray about the sixth hour. (Acts x. 9.)

At noonday will I cry, and that instantly; and He shall hear my voice. (Ps. lv. 17.)

Let your prayers be made also at the sixth hour; for at that time was our Lord and Saviour crucified upon the cross for us.—*Const. Apost.*

Be instant in prayers with God, and worship Him that hung upon the cross, at the sixth hour of the day.—*S. Athanasius.*

HYMN.

O God, the Lord of place and time,
Who orderest all things prudently;
Brightening with beams the opening prime,
And burning in the midday sky:

Quench Thou the fires of hate and strife,
The wasting fever of the heart;
From perils guard our feeble life,
And to our souls Thy peace impart.

This grace on thy redeem'd confer,
Father, coequal Son,
And Holy Ghost the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One.

TEXT.

BEAR ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

O Thou who at the sixth hour didst nail the sins of the world to the same cross with Thyself,

Blot out the handwriting of our offences which is against us,

And save us.

SAVE us, O blessed Saviour of the world, who, by Thy cross and precious blood, hast redeemed us; help us, we beseech Thee, O God of our salvation.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY ;

And then the prayers following.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the blessed Son of God, who hast suffered death on the cross for us, that we might thereby be brought to eternal life, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, both now and at the hour of death ; and grant unto us, Thy humble servants, with all other good people that have this Thy blessed passion in devout remembrance, a prosperous and godly life in this present world ; and, through Thy grace, eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.—*Bp. Cosin.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, who wast given both to be a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life, who didst bid us take up our cross daily and follow Thee, make, we pray Thee, the yoke of Thy commandments sweet, and the burden of Thy cross light, unto our souls. Conform Thy servants, O Lord, to the likeness of Thy passion. Give us grace, O Eternal Father, that we strive to keep the way of the holy cross, and carry in our hearts the image of Jesus crucified. Make us cheerfully resign ourselves to Thy divine will, that, being fashioned after His life-giving death, we may die according to the flesh, and live according to the Spirit of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.—*S. Bernard and T. à Kempis.*

DOXOLOGIES.

THE Lord's name be praised from the rising up of sun to the going down thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE NINTH HOUR.

[*At this hour particular remembrance may be made of the dying, with commemoration of the faithful departed.*

It includes the time from three o'clock till six; and the prayers may well be used after the business of the day is concluded.]

AT this hour did the Sacraments of the Church flow from the side of our Saviour; the blood, whereby we are redeemed, and the water, wherewith we are regenerate. Jesus yielded up the ghost; the thief was admitted into Paradise; the labourers sent into the vineyard; and forgiveness of sins promised to them that repent and come unto Christ, even at the last hour. Pray we, therefore, &c.—*Rupinus de Div. Off.*

SENTENCES.

AT the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. (Mark xv. 34.)

Peter and John went up together into the Temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. (Acts iii. 1.)

The Church hath ever been accustomed to interpret one of the prophet's times of prayer to be the ninth hour, and to observe it accordingly.—*S. Jerome.*

The ninth hour is accounted solemn and sacred; that, remembering how Christ at this hour commended His Spirit into the hand of His Father, we also, with devout prayers and supplications, might yield up to Him our souls and bodies a living sacrifice.—*Rabbanus Maurus.*

HYMN.

O GOD, unchangeable and true,
Of all the life and power,
Dispensing light in silence through
Every successive hour.

Lord, brighten our declining day,
 That it may never wane
 Till death, when all things round decay,
 Brings back the morn again.
 This grace on Thy redeemed confer,
 Father, coequal Son,
 And Holy Ghost the Comforter,
 Eternal Three in One.

TEXT.

YE are bought with a price ; therefore glorify God
 in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

O Thou who at the ninth hour for us sinners and
 for our sins didst taste death,

Mortify our members which are upon the earth,
 and whatsoever is contrary unto Thy will,

And save us.—*Bp. Andrews.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY ;

And then the Prayers following.

ALMIGHTY God, who, of Thy tender love towards
 man, hast sent our Saviour Christ to suffer death upon
 the cross for us, that all mankind should follow the
 example of His great humility ; mercifully grant that
 we who have this His most precious death and passion
 in continual remembrance, may both follow the exam-
 ple of His patience, and be made partakers of His
 glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEAR us, O Lord, and remember now the hour in
 which Thou didst once commend Thy blessed Spirit

into the hands of Thy heavenly Father; when with a torn body and broken heart Thou didst show forth the bowels of Thy mercy, and die for us: we beseech Thee, O Thou brightness and image of God, so to assist us by this Thy most precious death, that, being dead unto the world, we may live only unto Thee; and at the last hour of our departing from this mortal life, we may commend our souls into Thy hands; and that Thou mayest receive us into immortal life, there to reign with Thee for ever and ever. Amen.—*Bp. Cosin.*

DOXOLOGIES.

BLESSED, praised, and hallowed be the remembrance of Thy name, O Lord, for all Thy saints, after whose example we commend ourselves, and one another, and our whole life, unto Christ our God; and pray that we, with all who from the beginning have pleased Thee, may be made partakers of Thine eternal and incorruptible benefits.

The Lord's name be praised from the rising up of the sun to the going down thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Evening Services.

COMPILED FROM THE SAME SOURCES.

I.—AN EVENING SERVICE.

SENTENCES.

THE Lord hath commanded His loving-kindness in the day-time; and in the night-season also my song shall be of Him, and my prayer unto the Lord of my life. (Ps. xlii. 8.)

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Cor. xv. 51, 52.)

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Cor. iv. 16—18.)

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the Church: and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him. (James v. 13—15.)

And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Cor. xii. 9.)

Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (James i. 4.)

INVITATORY.

LET me bow down my head low to Him, before whom the Seraphim cover their faces: let me bow down my face to Him, at whose feet the saints cast their crowns. Let me confidently address to Him my petitions, who promises to help the infirmities of our prayers; let me not doubt the bounty of His goodness, but hope He will grant what Himself inspires to ask.

CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hatest all iniquity, I humbly bow before Thy adorable Majesty, to accuse and condemn myself, with true and hearty sorrow, for all the sins of my past life, and particularly for those I have committed this day,* by thought, word, or deed, against Thy holy laws, provoking, most justly, Thy wrath and indignation against me. I confess before Thee, O Lord, with shame and confusion of face, humbly beseeching Thee to have pity upon me, according to Thy great goodness, and the multitude of Thy tender mercies, and blot out my transgressions. But as is Thy majesty, so is Thy mercy, O gracious Father, and, therefore, I beseech Thee to hear my humble supplication for the pardon of my sins; forgive them all, O Lord, of what kind or degree soever they be; my sins of omission and commission; the sins of my youth, and my riper years; the sins of my soul and body, my secret and open sins; sins of

* Here name the particular sins.

ignorance, and presumptuous sins; those sins which I have committed to please myself or others; and wherein I have caused others to sin; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all for His sake who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, and now makes intercession for us at Thy right hand, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUPPLICATION FOR PARDON.

HEAR me, O God, my Saviour. Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea; be merciful, O Lord, be merciful to my sins, and have pity upon me, and all Thy people.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, purify us from our sins, and forgive our transgressions.

O Holy God, look down upon us;

And heal our infirmities and sicknesses for Thy name's sake.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts! have mercy on this family, I beseech Thee.

And spare every soul therein for Thy mercies' sake.

Our Father, &c.

V. The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

R. The Lord hath chastened and corrected me, but He hath not given me over unto death.

Glory be to the Father, &c. As it was in the beginning, &c.

V. My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

R. For Thou art the Hope of the afflicted, the Rest of those who labour and are heavy laden with iniquity; and to Thee we offer up our praise.

[Here read devoutly one of the Psalms for the day. Or this:]

OUR Lord Christ is the very Light of Life; whosoever truly seeks Him shall live and not die.

He is the everlasting Light; and to know Him also is everlasting life, as to serve Him is an unfading crown.

O come, let us then worship, and fall down before our Lord; the Lord of life, to whom all things live.

Come, let us adore the Lord our Redeemer, by whom all things live; and kneel before Him, who visits the chambers of the dead, opens the graves, and calls forth His faithful people.

For faithful is He in all His promises, and His covenant is confirmed to all the generations of His saints.

They live in Him, and He in them; and as He liveth, so also must they live; and death can have no more power over them.

They sought Him, and have found Him; and they know that with Him is life, and that His mercy endureth for ever.

Lo, now is the shadow of death by Him turned into the glorious morning of the resurrection. The shadows are past, and the Lamb is risen as a glorious Sun, shining upon them with healing in His wings—healing all their former maladies, and wiping away all tears from their eyes.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON.

(Hebrews xii.)

PRAYER.

O HOLY Spirit of grace, cause me both to understand and love Thy word.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him; for

whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness to them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore, lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

[*Then say the Song of Simeon:*]

“Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant,” &c.

[*After which shall follow this Exhortation from the Visitation of the Sick:*]

THESE words, Christian [*brother or sister*] are written in Holy Scripture for our comfort and instruction, that we should patiently, and with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever by any manner of adversity it shall please His gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For He Himself went not up to joy, but first He suffered pain: He entered not into His glory before He was crucified. So, truly, our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ,

that we may rise again from death, and dwell with Him in everlasting life. Now, therefore, taking your sickness, which is thus profitable for you, patiently, I exhort you, in the name of God, to remember the profession which you made unto God in your Baptism. And, forasmuch as after this life there is an account to be given unto the Righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged, without respect of persons—examine yourself and your estate, both toward God and man; so that accusing and condemning yourself for your own faults, you may find mercy at your Heavenly Father's hand for Christ's sake, and not be accused and condemned in that fearful judgment. Hear the articles of your faith, that you may know whether you do believe as a Christian should, or no.

[*Here repeat the Apostles', or Nicene, Creed.*]

PRAYER.

I GIVE Thee hearty thanks, O heavenly Father, that Thou hast vouchsafed to call me to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee; confirm this faith in me evermore; grant that I may die in this faith, and in the peace and communion of Thy Holy Church; and that I may be united to Jesus, the Head of this Church, and to all His members, by a love that shall never end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. O Lord, save me Thy servant,

R. That putteth his trust in Thee.

V. O Lord, save Thy people;

R. And make Thy heritage joyful.

V. Deliver us from all iniquities;

R. And help us for the glory of Thy name.

V. Let the sighing of the sick ascend before Thee;

R. And hear Thou the cry of the poor.

V. Let Satan have no advantage over them;

R. Nor wicked spirits approach to hurt them.

V. O let Thine ears consider well the voice of our complaint.

R. For out of the deep have we called unto Thee,
O merciful Saviour.

V. Send us help from Thy holy sanctuary.

R. Show us the light of Thy countenance, and let
Thy peace be upon us.

V. Turn not Thy face away from us, lest we be like
them that go down to the pit.

R. Keep us, O Lord, in safety, and glorify Thy
name, which is called upon us.

V. So shall we praise Thee, O Lord, with our whole
heart;

R. And shall rejoice and sing upon our beds;

V. For Thou, O Christ, art our Refuge;

R. Our glory also, and the lifter up of our head.

V. Thou art always near to relieve the afflicted;

R. And wilt save the humble of spirit.

V. Thou, Lord, raisest those that are fallen, and
bindest up the broken in heart.

R. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord, who call upon
Thy name;

V. And make all those rejoice, who lift up their
souls unto Thee.

R. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. In
Thee is my confidence; let me not be confounded.

V. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will not fear.

R. For Thou art my God, and my Deliverer.

V. O Christ, hear the prayers of all Thy faithful
and afflicted people.

Prayers.

1. PRAYER FOR PROTECTION.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, by whose providence both the day and the night are governed; vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, as Thou hast this day preserved us by Thy goodness, so still this night to shadow us under the blessed wing of Thy most mighty protection, and to cover us with Thy heavenly mercy, that neither the princes of darkness may have any power over us, nor the works of darkness overwhelm, but that, being armed with Thy defence, we may be preserved from all adversities that may hurt the body, and from all wicked thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. PRAYER FOR PATIENCE.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of mercies, the God of peace and comfort, of rest and pardon, grant me, Thy servant, patience in my sorrows, comfort in this my affliction, and restore me to health, if it seem good unto Thee. If it be Thy will to call me hence, receive my soul into Thine everlasting rest. But if it be Thy will to spare me, give me grace to amend my life, to the glory of Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

3. FOR SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

TEACH me, O Lord my God, to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom; and ever to remember my last end, that I may not dare to sin against Thee. Let Thy holy angels be ever present with me, to keep me in all my ways, from the violence and malice of evil spirits, from the hands of all my

enemies, from a sinful life, and from despair in the day of my death. Then, O blessed Jesu, shine gloriously upon me ; let Thy mercies and the light of Thy countenance sustain me in all my agonies, weaknesses, and temptations, (especially at this time). Give me the opportunity of a prudent spiritual guide, and of receiving the holy Sacrament; and let Thy loving spirit so guide me, that, with the testimony of a good conscience, and the sense of Thy mercies, I may depart this life in the unity of Thy church, in the love of God, and a certain hope of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord and most blessed Saviour. Amen.—*Bp. Taylor.*

[*Or this.*]

INTO Thy hands, most blessed Jesu, I commend my soul and body, which Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood. So bless and sanctify my sleep, that it may be sweet and refreshing to my wearied body, so that I may be enabled to serve Thee better. O let me not sleep in sin, or eternal death ; but give me a watchful spirit, that, whether I sleep or wake, live or die, I may be Thy child and servant ; that when the work of this life is ended, I may rest in the bosom of my Lord, till, by the voice of the archangel, the trump of God, I shall be awakened, and called to sit down at the eternal supper of the Lamb. Grant this, O Lamb of God, for Thy mercies' sake, and for the glory of Thy name, O most merciful Saviour and Redeemer Jesus. Amen.—*Bishop Wilson.*

THANKSGIVING.

BLESSED be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath sent His angels, and kept me in safety this day ; and hath given me His Spirit to restrain me from evil. I am not worthy, O Lord, of the least of Thy mercies, which Thou hast showed Thy servant, neither can I render Thee due praise for them ; but

accept, O Lord, of this my evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Blessed, and for ever hallowed be Thy holy name, for that never ceasing shower of blessing by which I live, and am provided for in all necessities. And for all the known, and for all the undisturbed favours, deliverances, chastisements, graces, and visitations of Thy Holy Spirit, vouchsafed to myself, my family, and friends, I bless Thy holy providence, beseeching Thee to pardon my ingratitude, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.—*Bp. Wilson.*

INTERCESSION.

OMERCIFUL Lord, I would pray for the peace, purity, and unity of the Holy Catholic Church, especially this branch of it, for the destruction of all heresies and schisms; for our gracious Sovereign, and for this nation and all rulers; for all Bishops and Clergy, especially our own. For all our relations, friends and benefactors [*especially—here name particular person.*] For all who are sick, afflicted or distressed, for all travellers and voyagers, and for all our enemies; visit them all, O Lord, according to their several needs for Christ's sake. Amen.

THE BLESSING.

THE peace of our Lord Jesus Christ; the virtue of His holy life-giving cross; the merit of His mysterious interceding passion; the power of His atoning death upon the tree; the glory of His mighty resurrection; and the benefits of His ascension up far above all heavens, remain with us for ever. Amen.

**II.—SHORT EVENING PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE
TOO WEAK TO USE THE LONGER SERVICE.**

**IN the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Ghost. Amen.**

I.

**O MOST holy Trinity, have mercy upon me; O Lord,
purify me from my sins, and forgive my transgressions;
O holy God, look down upon me, and heal my infir-
mities for Thy name's sake. Amen.**

II.

**O LORD, rebuke us not in Thine indignation, neither
chasten us in Thy heavy displeasure; but deal with
us according to Thy mercy, Thou Physician and healer
of our souls and bodies; guide us unto the harbour
of Thy will; enlighten the eyes of our hearts that
we may know Thy truth: and give us the remainder of
this day, and the residue of our life, peace and deliver-
ance from sin, through the intercession of Thy blessed
Son.**

**For Thine is the strength, and Thine is the king-
dom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, now and for ever.
Amen.**

III.

**O GOD, great and wonderful, who holdest all things
in the hollow of Thine hand, and governest all by
Thine unspeakable goodness and bountiful providence;
who art long-suffering to us, though grieved at our
wickedness, O remember Thy mercy and compassion
towards us; look down upon us with Thy wonted
goodness, and preserve us by Thy favour during the
night, from the manifold devices of the evil one, and
deliver us from all dangers by the grace of Thy most
Holy Spirit.**

Through the mercy and compassion of Thy only-begotten Son, with whom, together with Thy most holy, blessed, and life-giving Spirit, Thou art praised, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

IV.

O GREAT and most high God, who only hast immortality, and dwellest in light inaccessible; who hast formed Thy creation in wisdom, dividing the light from the darkness; who hast vouchsafed to us sinners, even at this hour, to come into Thy presence with thanksgiving, and to offer unto Thee our evening sacrifice of praise; let our prayer ascend before Thee as incense, and give us peace this evening, and the approaching night. Clothe us with the armour of light; deliver us from nocturnal terrors, and from every evil that walketh in darkness; and grant that our sleep, which Thou hast ordained for repairing our infirmities, may be unmolested; that so, O Lord, we may be penitent upon our beds, and remember Thy name in the night season; and, being instructed by the light of Thy commandments, may arise in joyfulness of spirit to celebrate Thy goodness, and to present our prayers and supplications to Thee for our own sins, and for the sins of all Thy people, that Thou mayest look down upon them in mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.

To THEE, O glorious and unfading Light, we offer our evening worship; to Thee who, being incarnate, hast, at the end of ages, appeared unto the world as in a mirror; and hast descended even to Hades, and there dispersed the darkness, and showed unto the nations the light of the resurrection. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, the giver of light. Amen.

O Jesus, Thou most gentle light of the sacred glory of the everlasting, holy, blessed Father! We being

now come to the setting of the sun, and seeing the evening light, sing the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by the voices of the pious, O Son of God, therefore the world glorifieth Thee.

O Lord, we praise Thee.

O Creator, we praise Thee.

O King Messiah, we praise Thee.

O Messiah, hear us. Messiah, receive our prayers.

O Father of Heaven, bless us and our friends, and all people.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, bless us.

O God the Holy Ghost, bless us.

O holy Trinity, bless us.—*Ancient Offices.*

III.—PRAYERS AND EJACULATIONS FOR BED-TIME AND NIGHT.

[Many of the following prayers will tend to cheer the dreary hours of wakeful nights.]

LORD, as I now go to my bed, I must one day go to my grave; O make me wise to consider my latter end.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me to dwell in safety. (Psa. iv. 9.)

Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death. Defend me from the terrors of the night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness. (Ps. xiii. 3, xci. 5.)

O thou Keeper of Israel, that neither slumberest nor sleepest, preserve me this night from all evil; yea, do Thou preserve my soul. (Ps. cxxi.)

O most kind and merciful Lord, let this season of rest be an entire cessation to me, as well from sin as from labour and sorrow. And do Thou, O Lord,

drive away all the suggestions of the Devil ; and suffer not any thought to surprise my unguarded mind, which is capable of displeasing Thee, or defiling me.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend myself, my spirit, soul, and body ; for Thou hast created and redeemed them, O Lord God of truth.

Together with me, take under Thy Fatherly care and protection all that are near and dear to me ; for all are Thy gifts.—*Bishop Andrewes.*

Prayers.

O LORD, grant us, now retiring to rest, repose both of body and soul, and protect us from all sinful dreams, and sensuality of the night and darkness ; assuage our unruly affections ; quench the fiery darts of the wicked which are thrown against us ; repress the seditions of the flesh, and lay our worldly thoughts asleep. Give us, O Lord, quickness of understanding, purity of thought, sobriety of heart, and temperate, refreshing sleep, free from all the illusions of Satan ; that we may arise at the hour of prayer, confirmed in Thy commandments, and have the remembrance of Thy judgments strongly infixed in us. And grant that, glorifying Thee in the night, we may sing of Thee, bless Thee, and praise Thy great and glorious name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.—*Office of Greek Church.*

II.

MY soul is awake unto Thee, O our God, in the night season, for Thy statutes are our light. O Lord, teach us Thy righteousness, Thy commandments, and Thy justice. Enlighten the eyes of our minds that we sleep not in sin unto death. Disperse all darkness from our hearts. Make the Sun of righteousness to shine upon us, and preserve us in innocence of life, by the seal of Thy Holy Spirit. Guide our feet into

the way of peace. Grant us to behold the approach of light, and the day, with joy, that we may offer unto Thee our morning hymns of praise.

For Thine, O blessed Trinity, is the kingdom and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

III.

I THANK Thee, O God of my salvation, for all the blessings of this life [*especially——, here mention particulars*]; make me always to look up to Thee, the Saviour and Benefactor of souls. Thou hast refreshed me with rest the former part of this night, and raised me up to worship Thy glorious name. I beseech Thee, O Lord, grant me grace and strength, that I may worthily sing to Thy glory, and incessantly pray unto Thee, and, aided by Thy Christ, may work out my salvation with fear and trembling. Remember those, O Lord, who call upon Thy name in the night season; give ear unto them, and have mercy upon them, beating down all enemies under their feet.

For Thou art the King of Peace, and the Saviour of our souls: and to Thee we offer up our praise, to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

IV.

O LORD my God, who hast put away from me the drowsiness of sleep; [*I lift up my hands*] unto Thee, in the night season, to confess the judgments of Thy righteousness; accept, O Lord, my prayers, confessions, supplications, and services; and grant me faith that cannot be shaken, hope that cannot be removed, and love without dissimulation. Bless my going out and coming in; my works, actions, words, and thoughts, that I may attain to the beginning of the day, in singing, and praising, and blessing the

unspeakable riches of Thy goodness. For Thy most holy name is blessed, and Thy kingdom is glorified, O holy, undivided Trinity, for ever and ever. Amen.

[This may be said on behalf of the household.]

V. Have mercy on us, Thy servants, here assembled in Thy presence ;

R. And guard and defend us from all evil this night.

V. Keep us from the terror and danger of fire ;

R. And from all assaults of wicked men, and wicked spirits.

V. Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend our souls ;

R. O Lord, our Refuge, our Strength, and our Redeemer.

V. Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend our spirits ;

R. O bless us, and keep us this night without sin.

Let us pray.

ACCEPT, O gracious Father, this our evening sacrifice of humble and hearty thanks for all the mercies and blessings of this day, and of our past lives. Thy daily care hath been of us, and our daily praises are due unto Thee, to whom we owe all that we are and have. We desire now to lay down our wearied heads upon our beds, humbly beseeching Thee to watch over us this night, and to grant each of us such refreshment as we severally need. Keep us, therefore, gracious Lord, in safety under the shadow of Thy wings ; for unto Thy Almighty protection we commit ourselves, humbly beseeching Thee, that after due rest we may rise from our beds with thankful hearts to glorify Thee by our good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.—*Hickes.*

GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of the patriarchs and prophets, of apostles, martyrs, and confessors, and of all true believers, increase our faith, confirm our hope, and enlarge our charity; and grant that we may faithfully serve Him here, by doing and suffering His will all the days of our short pilgrimage, and after death, be made partakers of immortal glory. Amen.

Save us, good Lord, waking, and keep us sleeping; that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. &c.

IV.—A LITANY FOR THE SICK.

[This may be read by a friend, and responded to by the sick person.]

PART I.

O GOD, the Father, Creator of the world;

Have mercy upon us (or me).

O God, the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy, &c.

O God, the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier, Comforter, and Perfecter of the faithful;

Have mercy, &c.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity;

Have mercy, &c.

O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, who dost comfort us in all our tribulations, and sufferest us not to be tempted above that we are able to bear, but with the temptation maketh a way for us to escape;

Have mercy, &c.

Who chastisest and scourgest those whom Thou lovest; who judgest and correctest us with weakness and sickness, and death itself, that we may not be condemned with the world;

Have mercy, &c.

Who breathed into man the breath of life ; and delightest not in the destruction of the living. Who planted the tree of life in the midst of Paradise ;

Have mercy, &c.

Who, after our first parents had sinned, opposed the seed of the woman against the malice of the serpent ; and created herbs growing out of the earth, and innumerable remedies for the use and necessity of man ;

Have mercy, &c.

Thou who turnest man to destruction, and sayest, “ Return, ye children of men ;” who woundest and healest ; strikest and bindest up ; killest and makest alive ; bringest down to the grave and raisest from thence again ;

Have mercy, &c.

Thou who saved Noah in the flood ; Lot from the burning of Sodom ; and who, slaying the first-born in Egypt, yet preserved Thy people ; who delivered those stung with the fiery serpents ;

Have mercy, &c.

Who, at the prayers of Thy prophets Elijah and Elisha, restored the dead to life ; and healed Naaman's leprosy. Who freed Hezekiah from death, when he wept and cried unto Thee ; and restored Job out of his afflictions ;

Have mercy, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who wast sent to heal the broken in heart ; to preach liberty to the captives, and comfort to all that mourn. Who took upon Thee our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Who went about doing good, and healing all that were sick and oppressed. By whose power the blind received their sight, the lame walked, and the lepers were cleansed, and the dead raised ;

Have mercy, and deliver us (or me).

Who, with a word, cured the paralytic of thirty-eight years. Who healed the issue of blood, which had

resisted the skill of all the physicians. Who restored the woman who had been bowed down eighteen years. Who cured the centurion's servant, and the daughter of the woman of Canaan, having respect to her faith ;

Have mercy upon me, and heal me, and all sick persons.

Who, in Thine agony, didst sweat great drops of blood. Who, though praying that the cup might pass from Thee, still submitted to Thy Father's will ; and in dying didst commend Thy Spirit into His hands. Who, by Thy death destroyed him who had the power of death ; and who, by Thy resurrection, gave us a lively hope of rising from the dead ;

Have mercy upon me, and help me, &c.

Who, ascending into heaven, art the Lord of life, and hast the power of death. And didst send Thy Holy Spirit to endue Thy Apostles with the power of working miracles, and healing the sick ;

Have mercy upon me, and deliver me, &c.

PART II.

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world ; from the guilt and burden of our sins,

Deliver me (or us), O Lord.

From all the temptations and wiles ; from all the deceits and assaults of the Devil ;

Deliver, &c.

From all impatience, and murmuring against Thy Providence ; from all weakness of mind ; from distrust and despair of Thy mercy ; from the fear of death, and too anxious a desire of life ;

Deliver, &c.

From too great carefulness about the things of this life ; and neglect in preparing for eternal life ; from grievous pain and agony, such as would draw the mind from Thee ;

Deliver, &c.

From Thy wrath and indignation ; from the terrible sentence of the Supreme Judge ; from the gates of hell, and powers of darkness ; from the bitter pains of eternal death ;

Deliver, &c.

By the infinite mercies of God the Father ; by the infinite merits of God the Son ; by the boundless grace and consolation of God the Holy Ghost ;

Deliver, &c.

By the pains of death which compassed Thee about in the garden ; by Thine agony and bloody sweat ; by Thine anguish on the Cross ; by Thine ardent love ; whereby Thou didst undertake our sorrows, and cured our wounds by Thy stripes ;

Deliver, &c.

By Thy powerful resurrection, and glorious ascension ; by Thy gracious and most prevalent intercession and mediation ; in the time of our necessities and straits ; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment ;

Deliver, &c.

PART III.

WE sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord ;
And that Thou wouldest not enter into judgment with Thy servants ; for in Thy sight can no flesh be justified ; that Thou wouldest not be extreme to mark what we have done amiss ; but wouldest enlighten our eyes, that we sleep not in death ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, we may serve Thee without fear in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life ;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That being made whole, by Thy grace, from our disease, we sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon us ;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, knowing the uncertainty of the time of death, and Thy coming judgment, we may at all times set our house in order. And give us grace truly to confess, and be contrite for our sins; to forgive from our hearts all who have offended us, and to make satisfaction to all whom we have injured;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, being reconciled to Thee, and all the world, we may, with a firm faith, and lively hope, reverently receive the holy Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, and continue to the end in Thy grace and favour;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, when and howsoever it shall please Thee to dispose of us, either for life or death, we may most cheerfully submit ourselves to Thy most holy will; that, as we have received good at Thy hand, so we may patiently receive evil;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we neglect not Thy chastisements, nor faint when we are reproved by Thee; but, looking up to the Author and Finisher of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the Cross, we may run, with patience, the race that is set before us;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, according to the multitude of the sorrows in our souls and bodies, Thy comforts may refresh our hearts; that as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so also our consolation may abound by Christ;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That our diseases, and all our sufferings, may work together for good to all who love God; that these momentary and light afflictions here, may work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, whether we live, we may live unto the Lord, or whether we die, we may die unto the Lord; that Christ may be glorified in our bodies; that neither

life nor death, nor any other creature may be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord ;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That the earthly house of this tabernacle being dissolved, we may possess an eternal habitation in the heavens ; that, walking in the midst of the shadow of death, we may fear no evil, because Thou art with us ;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us and save us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

Spare us, we pray Thee.

O Saviour of the world, who, by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us ; and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Our Father, &c.

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more ; open Thine eye upon this Thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness ; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church ; consider *his* contrition ; accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to Thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as he putteth *his* full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto *him* *his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with Thy blessed Spirit ; and, when Thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto Thy favour, through the merits of Thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Visitation of Sick.*

BENEDICTORY PRAYER.

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace both now and for evermore. Amen.

[In repeating the foregoing responses, the sick person would do well to use the plural pronoun, and keep in mind all sick persons, for whom they may thus intercede. If this be adopted by all who use this book, they will have the comfort of knowing that many are praying for them ; and will thereby realize the blessed doctrine of "the Communion of Saints."]

Special Scriptures and Prayers for the Time of Sickness.

I.—SCRIPTURES FOR THE SICK.

1. AFFLICTIONS sent by God.—Job v. 6, 17, 18; Deut. xxxii. 39; Rev. iii. 19; Prov. iii. 12; Heb. xii. 7, 8, 10; 1 Cor. xi. 32; Ps. cxix. 71, 75.

2. How they are to be received.—Mic. vi. 13; Ps. lxxviii. 34; Hos. v. 15; Zech. xiii. 9; Isa. xxvii. 7, 9; Job xxxvi. 8, 10; xxxiv. 31, 32.

3. In penitential confessions and prayers for pardon.—Ps. xxxii. 3, 4, 18; Job vii. 20; Ps. iv. 14; lxxix. 8; li. 1, 2; Jer. xxxi. 18, 19.

4. With trust in God for one's self.—Ps. lxii. 8; ix. 9, 10; Isa. xxvi. 3; xii. 2; Ps. cxii. 7; xxiii. 4; Job xiii. 15. (1.) And for family and friends.—Ps. lv. 22; 1 Pet. v. 7; Hos. xiv. 3; Jer. xlix. 11; Ps. xxxvii. 25, 26; cxii. 2, 3, 6; xxvii. 10; lxxviii. 5; and Prov. xxiii. 10, 11; xxxii. 10; xci. 9—11; xxxiii. 18, 19; Neh. i. 7; Ps. xxxiv. 22. (2.) That He will not put more on us than we can bear.—Jer. xxx. 11; and xlvi. 28; Phil. ii. 27; Habak. iii. 2; Ps. ciii. 9, 13, 14; xxx. 5; lxxviii. 38, 39; 1 Cor. x. 13. (3.) That He will support us under them.—Ps. xxxvii. 39, 40; xli. 3; Heb. iv. 15, 16; ii. 18; 2 Cor. xii. 9; Ps. xxxi. 22; xxvii. 14; Heb. xiii. 5, 6; Ps. xxiii. 4. (4.) And deliver us from them.—Ps. l. 15; xxxiii. 18, 19; xxxvii. 39, 40; Rom. viii. 28, and Ps. xxxiv. 19; 1 Sam. ii. 6; 2 Cor. i. 9.

5. Afflictions to be received with patience and resignation.—Eccclus. ii. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15; 1 Pet. v. 6; Heb. xii. 9; Matt. vi. 10; Job ii. 10;

1 Sam. iii. 18; 2 Sam. xv. 26; Isa. xlv. 9; James iv. 7, 10; Lam. iii. 26; Luke xxi. 19; Prov. iii. 11; Heb. xii. 3; 2 Cor. iv. 16, 18; Ps. cxxx. 5; xxv. 5, 15; lxxi. 14; Heb. x. 36, 38; Ps. xxvi. 14; ciii. 9, 13, 14; ix. 10; cxlvii. 11; James v. 11; Ps. lxii. 5; xxxix. 9; Job xl. 2, 4; Isa. liii. 7. Motives to patience.—Job i. 21; ii. 10; Mic. vii. 9; Heb. v. 8; Ps. cxix. 15; 1 Cor. xi. 32; Wisd. iii. 5, 6; 2 Cor. iv. 17.

6. For bodily needs. (1.) To pray for ease.—Ps. xxxix. 7; lxxiii. 26; xliii. 6; xliv. 24; lxxi. 9; vi. 1; xxxix. 10, 12; xxxvi. 18; lxxxvi. 3—5, and li. 8; (2.) For deliverance.—Ps. xxxi. 1; lxxxviii. 13; lv. 42; liv. 1; xxxi. 16; xxvii. 9; xxii. 4, 5, 9, 10; ix. 18; cix. 26. (3.) On receiving ease.—Isa. xii. 1, 2; Ps. cxviii. 18; ciii. 13, 14. (4.) On want of sleep.—Ps. vi. 6; lxxvii. 2, 4, 6, 7—11; lxiii. 6. (5.) On excess of pain or weariness.—Job vii. 3, 4, 20; Ps. lxxxvi. 16; xxxix. 13; xciv. 19; 2 Cor. xii. 9.

7. On taking medicine.—Wisd. xvi. 12, 13; Ps. lxviii. 20; Eccclus. xxxviii. 2, 4, 6, 7; Ps. xxxi. 14, 15; cvii. 20.

8. For Attendants.—Prov. xvii. 17; 1 Cor. xii. 26; Rom. xii. 13, 15; Heb. vi. 10; Matt. xxv. 36, 40; James i. 27.

9. A Hymn of Thanksgiving.—Ps. cxviii. 18; Isa. xxxviii. 17; Ps. xxxi. 7; xxx. 2, 4, 11, 12; lxxi. 15, 23; cxvi. 13, 14; xl. 10.

10. For the blind.—Exod. iv. 11; Ps. xlvi. 8; Luke iv. 18; Isa. lix. 9, 10; Eccclus. xi. 7; Matt. xviii. 9; Deut. xxviii. 34; 2 Pet. ii. 7, 8.

11. For the deaf.—Exod. iv. 11; Prov. xx. 12; Isa. xxxv. 5; xxix. 18; 1 Kings iii. 9; Lev. xix. 14.

After each division, repeat the Gloria Patri.

A PRAYER IN SICKNESS.

O GOD, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and in earth; behold me Thy servant, upon whom Thou hast been pleased to lay Thine afflicting hand, sanctify, I beseech Thee, this Thy Fatherly correction to me; and grant that I may receive it with all the patience and submission becoming Thy child, neither murmuring nor repining under any dispensations of Thy Providence; but looking on all my afflictions as the means to wean me from the world, to bring me nearer to Thyself, and to purge away all that dross and defilement which my soul has contracted in this sinful world. O merciful Father, let not my sins provoke Thee to turn away Thy face from me, while I seek unto Thee in this time of my trouble; but for the merits and intercession of Thy beloved Son, pardon all my sins, and say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation.

Give me strength, resolution, and patience, to bear all my pains, weaknesses, and infirmities; strengthen my faith, confirm my hope, increase my charity, and perfect my repentance that I may be delivered from the fear of death. Make Thou my bed in my sickness, and lay not more upon me than Thou wilt enable me to bear; give a blessing to the means that shall be used for my recovery; and if it be Thy good pleasure, restore me to my former health, that I may lead the rest of my life in Thy fear and to Thy glory. But if Thou hast determined that this sickness shall be unto death; grant, O merciful Father, that the more the outward man decayeth, so much the more may the inner man be strengthened and renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; and give me grace so to take this Thy visitation, that, after this painful life is ended, I may dwell with Thee in life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.—
New Whole Duty of Man.

ANOTHER.

O HEAVENLY Father, who in Thy wisdom knowest what is best for me, if it seem good in Thy sight, remove this distemper from me, so that I may employ my health to Thy glory, and praise Thy name. But if Thou art pleased that it should greatly increase, I willingly submit to Thy afflicting hand; for Thou art wont to chastise those whom Thou dost love; and I am sure Thou wilt lay on me no more than Thou wilt enable me to bear. I know, O my God, Thou sendest this sickness on me for my good, even to humble and reform me; O grant it may work this saving effect in me.

Lord, create in me a true, penitent sorrow for all my sins past, a steadfast faith in Thee, and sincere resolutions of amendment for the time to come.

Deliver me from all forwardness and impatience, and give me an entire resignation to Thy divine will: O suffer not the disease to take away my senses, and do Thou continually supply me with devout and holy thoughts. Lord, bless all the means that are used for my recovery, and restore me to my health; but if otherwise Thou hast appointed for me, Thy will be done. O wean my affections from all things below, and fill me with ardent desires after heaven; Lord, fit me for Thyself, and at Thine own good time bring me to those joys unspeakable and full of glory. Grant this for the sake of Thine only Son Jesus, my Saviour, in whose holy words I sum up all my wants.—
Bishop Ken.

Our Father, &c.

A PRAYER FOR A BLESSING ON THE MEANS USED.

ALMIGHTY God, forasmuch as Thou hast ordained the physician for the benefit of those who languish under any bodily distemper, I have resolved to try his

skill. I beseech Thee, therefore, direct Thy servant (N.) to what may be proper for me, and let Thy blessing accompany his prescriptions, and give success thereto: for it is Thou that art the great Physician, who alone can effectually remove all maladies; therefore be Thou with me to bless and prosper them to Thy glory, and the welfare of Thine unworthy servant, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Whole Duty of Man.*

ON TAKING PHYSIC.

O LORD, without whom all my endeavours are but vain, give Thy blessing to the means now used for my recovery, and (if it be Thy blessed will,) make them so effectual for that end, that I may live, and be an instrument of Thy glory, and better prepared for the coming of my Lord. Amen.—*New Manual.*

A PRAYER FOR TIME OF SICKNESS.

O LORD God of our salvation, who for our sakes wert wounded, and didst die and lie in the grave, and by Thine own power didst rise again with victory and triumph; have mercy upon Thy servant, for Thine indignation lieth hard upon me, and Thou hast vexed me with all Thy storms. My soul is full of trouble by reason of my sins, and my life draweth nigh unto the grave; restore me unto Thy favour, and let me not go down into the dark; but let me show forth Thy loving-kindness amongst Thy redeemed ones in the land of the living. O hide not Thou Thy face from me, but give me health of body, and restore and preserve me in the life of righteousness; and so bless me with opportunities of doing Thee service, that I may redeem the time past, and by Thy grace grow rich in good works; that when Thou shalt demand my soul, it may not be abhorred of Thee, nor suffer Thy terrors, but may have an eternity of blessings in

the resurrection of the just; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Bishop Taylor abridged.*

A PRAYER THAT THE AFFLICTION MAY BE
PROFITABLE.

O MERCIFUL Lord, who usest Thy rod in anger as well as in love, and expectest that we should be bettered by every correction; with the compassions of a Father look upon me, teach me to call my ways to remembrance, and find out the accursed thing that has brought this affliction upon me; and make me so sensible of my manifold provocations, and so sincerely to lament, and abhor, and forsake them, that this correction may appear the effect of Thy love and pity, and by a serious and hearty repentance, a lively faith, and a just affiance in Thy mercy, fit me for the night in which no man can work; that if Thou thinkest fit to spare me, I may live an example of one bettered by Thy judgment; or else reap the benefits of Thy Fatherly correction in an entire submission to Thy will here, and being received to Thy glory hereafter, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.—*Inett.*

A PRAYER FOR SUPPORT IN TROUBLE AND
DELIVERANCE FROM IT.

O LORD God, who art wonderful in Thy works and in Thy doings towards the children of men; Thou chastisest every one whom Thou receivest; proving us and trying us, as silver is tried; let Thy merciful hands lead us through the fire of afflictions, and the waters of temporal chastisements, so that we may not be consumed with the flames of Thy wrath, nor the waters go over our souls; but that we, being sustained by the comforts of Thy Spirit, and refreshed with the dew of Thy graces, may at last be brought into the place of eternal treasures. O give us Thy grace, that our hearts incline not to wickedness, and that our feet slip not; that so we, regarding Thy laws, and having

respect to obey Thy holy will and pleasure, Thou mayest hear our prayers, and by the greatness of Thy power may cast down all our enemies; that we may never cease praising Thee, who hast never turned Thy mercy from us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
—*Bp. Taylor.*

A PRAYER FOR A DEAF PERSON.

O RIGHTEOUS Lord! mine ears have been too much inclined and delighted to hear things which dishonour Thee, and corrupt me. And therefore Thou art just in stopping them, because I have misused them. But, Lord! remember mercy, and open them again if it may seem good to Thee. Whilst Thou seest fit to continue me under this deafness, O Almighty Lord, give me patience contentedly to want the conversation of others. I know, alas! and do lament that I am hereby debarred from hearing good words. But I will reckon it some compensation to me, that it keeps me from hearing evil too. For if my ears were open, O God, I should daily hear much more than I desire to hear, or than I ought to hear silently; and should hear evil more often than I should find the heart and courage to reprove it. And therefore Thy will be done, O Holy Father! I receive my deafness patiently and thankfully, as being sent by Thee, and as daily keeping out much that would either corrupt, or trouble and afflict me; and am content, whilst Thou pleasest, to be deaf to the voice of sinners, till Thou shalt either restore that sense to me again here on earth, or take me hence to hear the heavenly hallelujahs of angels and beatified spirits in Thy presence, for the sake of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.—*Selected from Kettlewell.*

A PRAYER FOR GOOD USE OF DEAFNESS.

WHILST I remain deaf to the conversation of others, Blessed Father! give me grace to converse more with

Thee, and with myself, in calling Thy laws and my own ways to remembrance; and grant that, having lived to hear much before, I may now set myself to meditate on what I have heard formerly, and still have recourse to past instructions, to guide and comfort me. And although the ears of my body are shut to others, yet, Lord! let those of my spirit be always open to Thy voice: give me an hearing heart, that is never deaf to Thy call; and if Thy Spirit do but whisper to me, let mine instantly perceive and embrace the same, and carefully and obediently attend to Thy suggestion. And deliver me from having any portion among them who have lost their hearing towards Thee, though they still keep it to the world, and who, having ears, hear not with them.

And, O gracious God, preserve me from being jealous and mistrustful of those who are discoursing in my company, as if they were discoursing against me, or made themselves sport with mine infirmity. Let not my own evil surmises and suspicions do either myself or them any hurt. But keep me always easy towards them, and truly penitent and thankful towards Thee; through Jesus Christ my blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.—*Idem.*

A PRAYER FOR A PERSON SUFFERING PAIN.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art a present help in time of trouble; O look graciously upon me, I most earnestly beseech Thee; and (if it be Thy blessed will,) send me ease and comfort in this time of my distress. Never let me murmur or repine under any affliction Thou seest fit to lay upon me. Give me a meek and quiet submission to Thy will, that I may wait with patience till Thou seest fit to deliver me. Suffer not the extremity of my pains to transport me into any rash or unbecoming expressions, or cause me to entertain hard thoughts of Thy providence, but, whatever evils or sorrows I may feel, let

me still love Thee, and believe Thee to be a kind and merciful Father, even whilst Thou art smiting and correcting me.

And, O blessed Lord, that I may be enabled so to do, be pleased to strengthen me with the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, and lay not more upon me than Thou wilt enable me to bear. Sanctify this affliction to me, that it may produce in me the fruits of a true and sincere repentance.

O Lord, hear me ; O Lord, help me, for Thy mercies' sake, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. Amen.
—*New Manual.*

EJACULATIONS WHEN SUFFERING.

O BLESSED Lord, who scourgest every son whom Thou receivest, let me not be weary of Thy correction. Give me such a perfect submission to Thee, the Father of Spirits, that this chastisement may be for my profit, and that I may thereby be made a partaker of Thy holiness.

O Christ, who first sufferedst many and grievous things, and then entered into Thy glory, make me to suffer with Thee, that I may also be glorified with Thee.

O Lord God most Holy, O Lord most Mighty, O Holy and most Merciful Saviour, deliver me not, I beseech Thee, unto the bitter pains of eternal death.
—*Burial Service.*

O Holy Jesus, Thou art a merciful High-Priest, and touched with a sense of our infirmities ; Thou knowest the sharpness of my sickness, and the weakness of my person. The clouds are gathered about me, and Thou hast covered me with Thy storm. Lord, let Thy mercy support me, Thy Spirit guide me, that I may pass in patience, holiness, and perfect resignation. Let me rejoice in Thee, in the hope of pardon, the expectation of glory, in the sense of Thy

mercies, in the consolations of Thy Spirit, and in victory over all temptations. Amen.—*Adapted from Bishop Taylor.*

ANOTHER.

O HOLY Jesus, Thou didst die for us: by Thy grievous, pungent, intolerable pains, which Thou didst endure for me, have pity upon me, and ease my pains, or increase my patience. Lay on me no more than Thou shalt enable me to bear. I have deserved it all, and infinitely more. Lord, I am weak and ignorant, timid and unstable. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit; for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord thou God of truth. Come, Holy Spirit, help me in this conflict. Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

ON WANT OF SLEEP.

O RIGHTEOUS Lord, Thou holdest mine eyes waking, and in the night season I take no rest. I seek sleep, to ease my pains, and to recruit my spirits; but I find it not: but, O merciful God, let it not always fly from me; let my wearied eyes at length lay hold of it, and make my sleep sweet unto me. Consider my weariness, which calls aloud for rest; and my weakness, which greatly needs refreshment. While Thou keepest me awake, let me commune with my own heart, and search out my spirit; let me remember Thee on my bed, and meditate on Thee in the night-watches: let the consideration of Thy tender mercies be my comfort, till thy goodness sees fit to give sleep to my eyes, and refreshment to my sorrows, through my dearest Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.—*Kettilewell.*

A PRAYER FOR PATIENCE.

O GOD, who hast told us, that in this world we shall have tribulation; grant that my present afflic-

tion may work patience, and that I may be submissive under Thy chastisements. And, forasmuch as I suffer no more than the common lot of sinful men, strengthen me, O Lord, that no pains or sufferings may ever drive me from Thee; but rather work in me a contempt for this world, the mortification of my lusts, and a patient abiding of the cross; so that I may finish my course with joy, and at last rest from all my labours and sorrows, with Thy redeemed people. Grant this, O most gracious Father, for the sake of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O MERCIFUL Lord! now I am called to the state of sickness which is a trial of patience, give me grace to show patience under the same. Enable me, O Father! to show a quiet and composed patience, without tumult of troubled thoughts and discontented passions: a submissive and resigned patience, without reluctance to Thy will, as rebellious murmurings: a patience of hope that does not sink under my burdens, nor is driven by the smart of my pains to mistrust Thy love, or care, or gracious promises: and a thankful patience, that continues sensible of my comforts and supports, as well as of my sicknesses; and that owns all present sufferings to be far below my deserts, and all my past and present mercies to be infinitely above them. And make me perfect, O my God! in this patience. Let me tarry Thy leisure, and not be hasty. Let me wait on Thee, and not grow weary; but bear all in comfortable hopes of Thy strength to support my present weakness; and of Thy mercy to ease and deliver me at last, either by a more healthful life, or by a happy death, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Ketwell.*

PRAYERS AND EJACULATIONS FOR RESIGNATION.

GRANT, gracious Lord, that I may never dispute the reasonableness of Thy will; but ever close with it, as the best that can happen. Prepare me always for what Thy providence shall bring forth. Let me never murmur, be dejected, or impatient, under any of the troubles of this life; but ever find rest and comfort in this: this is the will of my Father, and of my God. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O my crucified King and Saviour, let my submission to whatever afflictions shall befall me, for Thy sake, or by Thy appointment, be to me a pledge and an assurance of my fidelity to Thee, and conformity to Thy sufferings. Amen.—*Bishop Wilson.*

Grant, O God, that I may always accept of the punishment of my sins with resignation to Thy good pleasure. Remember me, O Lord, in this day of trouble; keep me from all excess of fear, concern, and sadness. Grant me a humble and a resigned heart, that with perfect content I may ever acquiesce in all the methods of Thy grace, that I may never frustrate the designs of Thy mercy.

A PRAYER WHEN THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF RECOVERY.

O LORD Jesus Christ, our health and life, our hope, and the resurrection from the dead, I resign myself to Thy holy will and pleasure, either to life or to death. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit; for I know, O Lord, that nothing can perish in Thy keeping. Strengthen my soul with Thy grace against all temptations, let Thy loving-kindness defend it as with a shield against all the assaults of Satan; let the same mercy be my guard and defence which protected the martyrs, crowning them with victory in the midst of flames, horrid torments, and the most cruel deaths. There is no help in me, O Lord; but my trust is in



Thy mercies ; and I call to mind, to my unspeakable comfort, that Thou wert hungry and thirsty, and wearied, scourged, crowned with thorns, mocked, and crucified *for me*. Oh, let that mercy, which made Thee suffer so much, pardon me and save me. Let Thy merits answer for my impieties—let Thy righteousness cover my sins, Thy blood wash away my guilt, and Thy comforts refresh my soul.

As my body grows weaker, let Thy grace be stronger ; let not my faith waver, my hope fail, nor my charity grow cold, nor my soul be affrighted with the terrors of death ; but let the light of Thy countenance enlighten my eyes, that I sleep not in eternal death. And when my tongue fails, let Thy Spirit teach my heart to pray with strong cryings, and groans unutterable. O let not Satan do me any violence, but may Thy holy mercies, and Thy angels, repel and defeat his malice, that my soul may, by thy strength, triumph in everlasting joy, in the fruition of Thee, my life, my joy, my hope, my exceeding great reward, my God, and Lord, and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, blessed for ever. Amen, and Amen.—*Adapted from Bishop Taylor.*

A PRAYER COMMENDING FAMILY AND FRIENDS INTO
GOD'S HAND.

To Thee, O God of mercy and truth, I commit all my friends and relations, [*particularly my, &c.*] To Thy protection I freely resign them. Thou art the Father of the fatherless, and pleadest the cause of the widow. O provide for and defend them ; leave them not, nor forsake them, O Lord God of my salvation. Be Thou to them more than I could, if I were still employed by Thee to take care of them. Enable them evermore to place their love and delight in Thee, and fix their trust and confidence in Thy mercy. Keep them from those pollutions which may forfeit

Thy fatherly care and providence, and cry louder against them than all their destitute circumstances do for them. Train them up in Thy fear, preserve them from all the evils and temptations of this world, and bring them at last to the joys and blessedness of that to come, for the sake of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Spinckes.*

Scriptures.

1. IN THE PROSPECT OF DEATH.

It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after death the judgment. (Heb. ix. 27.)

For out of the ground wast thou taken, dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. (Gen. iii. 19.)

We are strangers here, and our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding. (1 Chron. xxix. 15.)

As pilgrims, we sojourn, and have here no continuing city, but seek one to come. (1 Pet. ii. 11; Heb. xiii. 14.)

Yea, the days of man upon earth are like the days of an hireling, to serve his appointed time.

And when his time is up a servant earnestly desireth the refreshment of shade, and the hireling looketh for the reward of his work. (Job vii. 1, 2.)

For few and evil have my days been; and now, behold, I seem as one who am going the way of all the earth. (Gen. xlvii. 9; and Joshua xxiii. 14.)

And as I came forth of my mother's womb, so naked shall I return to go as I came, and shall take nothing of my labour away in my hand with me. (Eccles. v. 15.)

I shall rest from my labours, and nothing but my works follow me. (Rev. xiv. 13.)

And I must work the works of God, while it is day,

for the night cometh when no man can work. (John ix. 4.)

Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. (Luke xii. 37.)

Behold! I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments. (Rev. xvi. 15.)

Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh.

For at midnight there shall be a cry made, Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.

And they who are ready with their lamps trimmed, and oil in them, go in with him; but after that the door is shut, and to those that knock he will say I know you not. (Matt. xxv. 6, 7, 10, 12, 13.)

And who is that faithful and wise steward whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. (Luke xii. 42—44.)

2. ON READINESS FOR DEATH.

O DEATH! how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that liveth at rest in his possessions, and that hath nothing to vex him, and that hath prosperity in all things.

Besides, while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

And we are confident, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and present with the Lord.

For if the earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we know that we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

And in this being burdened, we groan earnestly, desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. (2 Cor. v. 1, 2, 4, 6, 8.)

For to me to die is gain. And, therefore, I have a

desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better. (Phil. ii. 21, 23.)

The day of death is really better than the day of one's birth. (Eccles. vii. 1.)

For the spirit shall return to God who gave it.

The dust, indeed, shall return to the earth, as it was. (Eccles. xii. 7.)

But there the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary be at rest, and they hear not the voice of the oppressor. (Job iii. 17, 18.)

Yea, I will ransom them from the power of the grave, saith the Lord, I will redeem them from death: O death! I will be thy plague: O grave! I will be thy destruction. (Hosea xiii. 14.)

For he shall change this vile body, and fashion it like unto his own glorious body. (Phil. iii. 21.)

And this corruptible shall put on incorruption: and this mortal shall put on immortality. (1 Cor. xv. 35.)

And the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces, and there shall be no more sorrow, nor crying, nor pain, but death shall be swallowed up in victory. (Isaiah xxv. 8; Rev. xxi. 4; Cor. xv. 54.)

3. AGAINST THE FEAR OF DEATH.

FEAR not the sentence of death, remember them that have been before thee, and that come after, for this is the sentence of the Lord over all flesh. (Eccles. xli. 3.)

It is but a going to rest. Our friend Lazarus sleepeth. (John xi. 11.)

And though therein I leave dear friends, yet I go to my fathers. (Gen. xv. 15.)

And am gathered to my people. (Gen. xlix. 33.)

And the righteous hath hope in his death. (Prov. xiv. 32.)

For God hath begotten us again to a lively hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pet. i. 3.)—*Kettlewell.*

And by his death he hath destroyed the power of death, and delivered them who all their life-time were in bondage to the fear of death. (Heb. ii. 14, 15.)

So that now, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom. xiv. 8.)

For he died for us, that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with him. (1 Thess. v. 10.)

The sting of death is sin. (1 Cor. xv. 6.)

But he is exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins. (Acts v. 31.)

And we have such an High Priest as will have compassion on our infirmities.

He can mercifully consider and be touched with them in us, having in all points, sin only excepted, been tempted like as we are himself. (Heb. iv. 15; and ii. 17, 18.)

And therefore, thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory (of death,) through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. xv. 57.)

And blessed are the dead from henceforth that die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours, and their works follow them. (Rev. xiv. 13.)

4. AGAINST PRESUMPTION.

LET him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall. (1 Cor. x. 12.)

Thou standest by faith: be not high-minded but fear. (Rom. xi. 19.)

Happy is the man that feareth always; but he that hardeneth his heart against fear shall fall into mischief. (Prov. xxviii. 14.)

EJACULATIONS TO BE USED BY A DYING PERSON.

LORD, wash my soul in Thy blood, that it may be presented without spot unto Thee. Let me die in Thy favour, rest in peace, and rise again in glory. Amen.

Have me in Thy custody, O holy Father; for nothing can take me out of Thy hands; give Thy holy angels charge over me, to guard and receive my soul at my departure, and to conduct and carry it to the blessed receptacles of rest and peace. Amen.

In Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, my most merciful Saviour and only Redeemer, in Thee alone is all my trust: O let me never be confounded.

O Lord God most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver me not to the bitter pains of eternal death.

O blessed Jesu, I sue to Thee for mercy, and the forgiveness of my sins; graciously hear me, O Christ, and save me.

By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, deliver me, O Christ! now, in the hour of my death, and in the day of judgment.

Receive me into that place of rest where all tears shall be wiped from my eyes; where there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain; but where I shall for ever behold Thy face, and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon me, and receive my soul.

Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly; I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

(Proper Psalms, xlii. xvi. xlii. xxxviii. cii.)

II.—PRAYERS TO BE SAID FOR THE SICK BY THE FRIENDS.

A PRAYER FOR A SICK CHILD.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, we fly unto Thee for succour

in behalf of this *child*, here lying under Thy hand, in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon it, O Lord; ease it, we beseech Thee, of its pains, and pity it in its extremity.

Lord, assist me with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may resign this child to Thee, (if Thou art pleased now to call it from me,) with an humble, contented, patient, and thankful mind. But, if Thou seest fit, raise it up again to grow in years and stature, in the knowledge and fear of Thee. But whether it live or die, let it be Thine; and either preserve it to be Thy true and faithful servant here on earth, or take it to the blessedness of Thy children, in the kingdom of heaven, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.—*New Manual, and Bishop Patrick. See also the beautiful prayer in the Service for the Visitation of the Sick.*

[The following prayers may be used by the sick person himself by changing him for me, &c.]

PRAYERS ADAPTED FROM ANCIENT OFFICES.

O THOU, who only art wonderful, and full of compassion to the faithful, send down Thy heavenly grace on this Thy servant, who is grieved with sickness;—and in Thy mercy, O Lord, save this *man* (or *woman*) who suffers under Thy hand. For Thy property is to have mercy, and to save us. Amen.

[Or this.]

O LORD, who rulest over all, Thou that art the Physician and Helper in sickness, the Deliverer and Saviour from pain, heal this Thy servant who is sick; show Thy mercy and compassion to *him*, who hath in many things offended Thee, and deliver *him* from guilt, O Christ, that *he* may glorify Thy divine power. Make *him* impregnable and inaccessible to every assault of evil powers, and encompass *him* with the

protection of Thy glory; that Thy holy name may be glorified, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

[Or this.]

O THOU, most good, who art the abyss of mercy, who in mercy and compassion dost cure the diseases of our souls, and the wounds of our bodies, our Saviour, who alone art God, heal *him* who here lieth in sickness, and grant *him* Thy salvation. By Thy overflowing mercy, cleanse the pains, the weakness, and the increasing sickness of this Thy servant, whose strength faileth *him* through the sharpness of *his* sufferings, that, being delivered, *he* may gratefully give thanks unto Thee. For Thou art the Fountain of healing, O our God, and to Thee we offer up our praise, with Thine only-begotten Son, and Thy Spirit of the same substance, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

[Or this.]

O ALMIGHTY LORD, the holy King, who dost correct us, but not give us over unto death, who dost support them that fall, and raise up those who are broken in heart, and dost order the bodily infirmities of men for their good, who hast compassion upon us, and passest over our iniquities, and takest away our transgressions; who art swift to help and slow to anger; hear our prayer, O glorious King, for this Thy servant. Thee do we implore, and beseech Thee in Thy goodness to pardon, remit, and forgive *his* iniquity and sins, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether knowingly or ignorantly committed; in whatsoever way *he* hath sinned, pardon *him*, O our God, who art merciful and the lover of mankind, and rememberest not our offences. Look not upon *his* offences; keep *him* from eternal damnation; let *his* mouth be filled with Thy praise; let *him* do the works of Thy commandments; and let

all *his* members and *his* mind be guarded by Thy grace. For Thou art our Lord Jesus Christ, who in Thy goodness and love to mankind, dost forgive offenders until seventy times seven; who dost grant repentance for our sins, and rejoice in the conversion of sinners. Send down from heaven, O Lord, Thy healing virtue, extinguish *his* fever, mitigate *his* pain, and assuage *his* languor. Raise *him* up from the bed of sickness and infirmity; grant *him* salvation and health, that *he* may please Thee, and perform Thy will. For Thou art the hope of those that despond, the rest of those who labour and are heavy laden with iniquity; and to Thee we offer up our praise. Amen.

A PRAYER TO BE USED WHEN THE SICK PERSON IS
IN A STATE OF STUPOR.

O MERCIFUL God, let not this deep sleep which is fallen on Thy servant, prove the sleep of death. Make it the sleep of a recovering person, to relieve and revive *him*; and awake *him* out of it in Thy due time to offer Thee praise, and to labour still among us in doing Thee honour and service. But if Thou hast decreed thereby to take *him* to Thyself, Lord, remember and accept of all *his* former prayers and repentance, faith, and patience: look not upon *his* sins but to pardon them; nor on *his* weaknesses, but to pity them; and when *he* wakes in the next world, let *him* find *himself* surrounded with light and bliss, and crowned with eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.—PRAYERS TO BE USED AS THE HOUR OF DEATH APPROACHES.

[*If the sick person be able, he may use this Litany during any part of his sickness. When said by another person, he should repeat the responses.*]

A SOLEMN LITANY ON BEHALF OF THE DYING.

PART I.

O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy upon the soul of this Thy servant, keep and defend *him* (or *her*).

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon *him*, save and deliver *him*.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon *him*, strengthen and comfort *him*.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon *him*, have mercy upon *him*.

Forgive, O blessed Lord, Thou lover of mankind, mercifully forgive the sins *he* hath committed by thought, word, or deed, voluntarily or involuntarily, against Thee.

From Thy wrath and heavy indignation; the guilt and burden of *his* sins; and the dreadful sentence of the last judgment,

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

From the sting and terror of conscience; the danger of impatience, distrust, and despair; the extremity of anguish or agony, that may any way withdraw *his* mind from Thee;

Good Lord, &c.

From the bitter pains of eternal death; the gates of hell; and all the crafts and assaults of the devil,

Good Lord, &c.

By Thy manifold and great mercies; by the manifold and great merits of Jesus Christ;

By His agony and bloody sweat; strong crying and tears; bitter cross and passion; His glorious and mighty resurrection; triumphant ascension; effectual and most acceptable intercession and mediation;

And by the graces and consolations of the Holy Ghost;

Good Lord, &c.

For the glory of Thy name; Thy loving mercy; and Thy truth's sake; in this time of *his* utmost extremity; *his* last and greatest need;

Deliver *him*, O Lord.

O let not the Devil prevail against him; but interpose Thy death and passion, Thy mediation and intercession, between Thy judgment and this soul, both at the hour of death, and at the day of judgment; that, in the terrors of that day, it may stand upright, supported by the arms of Thy eternal mercy.

Let us pray.

O HOLY and most gracious Saviour Jesus, we humbly commend the soul of Thy servant into Thy most merciful hands; accept, O Lord, Thine own creature; forgive, we beseech Thee, whatsoever hath been committed by human frailty. Impute not to *him* the follies of *his* youth; but strengthen *him* in *his* agony; let not *his* faith waver, nor *his* hope fail, nor *his* charity languish. Let Thy blessed angels stand in ministry about Thy servant, and defend *him* from the violence and malice of *his* ghostly enemies, and drive far from hence all the spirits of darkness. Let him die in peace, and rest in hope, and his portion be with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; with Job and David, with the prophets and apostles, with martyrs and all Thy holy saints, in the arms of Christ, in the kingdom of God, to eternal ages.

PRAYER FOR ABSOLUTION.

OUR Lord Jesus Christ of his mercy pardon and forgive thee all thy sins, deliver thee from all evils, past, present, and future, preserve thee in the faith and fear of His holy name to thy life's end, and bring thee to His everlasting kingdom, to live with him for ever and ever. Amen.—*From Bishops Andrewes, Cosins, Jeremy Taylor, and Dr. Sutton.*

PART II

PRESERVE, O Lord, the soul of this Thy servant, as Thou didst Noah in the flood; Lot from the fire of Sodom; Job in all his adversities; the Israelites from the power of Pharaoh. Amen.

Preserve *him* from the malice of Satan, as Thou didst David from all his enemies; Daniel from the mouth of the lions; the three children from the fiery flames; and as Thou hast delivered Thy blessed saints and servants from all their terrors and torments. So save and deliver *his* soul, and receive it to Thy mercy.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to remember *him* with the favour thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit *him* with Thy salvation.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to deliver *his* soul from the power of the enemy, to be merciful, and to forgive all *his* sins and misdeeds, which by the malice of the devil, or by *his* own frailty, *he* hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the lust of the eye, the pride, the vanity, the superfluity of life, *he* hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the fierceness of *his* wrath, or in the eagerness of an angry spirit, *he* hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge *his* vain and idle words.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to make *him* a partaker of all Thy mercies and promises in Christ Jesus; to

vouchsafe unto *his* soul the estate of joy, happiness, and immortality, with all Thy blessed saints, in Thy heavenly kingdom.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to this decaying body a blessed and glorious resurrection, that together with *his* soul, it may receive a portion among the blessed children of Thy Father. Amen.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon this Thy servant.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant him Thy peace.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

Have mercy upon *him*.

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

Christ, have mercy upon *him*.

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

Our Father, which art, &c.

Let us pray.

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore thy defence, and make thee know and feel that there is no other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.—
Visitation of the Sick.

BENEDICTION.

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

**A SOLEMN FORM OF COMMENDING THE SOUL INTO THE
HANDS OF GOD, AT THE TIME OF ITS DEPARTURE.**

[Use the Prayer in Visitation of the Sick, or this.]

INTO Thy merciful hands, O Lord, we commend the soul of this Thy servant, now departing from the body; acknowledge, we meekly beseech Thee, a work of Thine own hands, a sheep of Thine own fold, a lamb of Thine own flock, a sinner of Thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the blessed arms of Thine unspeakable mercy, into the sacred rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious estate of Thy chosen saints in heaven.

[Then say solemnly and reverentially]

God the Father, who hath created thee, God the Son, who hath redeemed thee, God the Holy Ghost, who hath infused His grace into thee, be now and evermore thy defence, assist thee in this thy last trial, and bring thee into the way of everlasting life. Amen.

Christ, that redeemed thee with His agony and bloody death, have mercy upon thee, and strengthen thee in this agony of death. Amen.

Christ Jesus, that rose the third day from death, raise up thy body again in the resurrection of the just. Amen.

Christ, that ascended into heaven, and now sitteth at the right hand of God, bring thee unto the place of eternal happiness and joy. Amen.

God the Father preserve and keep thee. God the Son assist and strengthen, God the Holy Ghost, defend and aid thee. God the Holy Trinity be ever with thee, that thy death may be precious in the sight of the Lord, with whom thou shalt live for evermore. Amen.

A BENEDICTION TO BE USED BY A CLERGYMAN.

JESUS Christ absolve thee from all thy sins. Amen.

Jesus Christ remit all the evil which thou hast committed by thy hearing, seeing, &c. Amen.

Jesus Christ, that died for thee, put out all thy offences. Amen.

Jesus Christ that calleth thee, receive thee into his heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Depart, O Christian soul, in the name of God the Father who created thee; of God the Son who redeemed thee; of God the Holy Ghost who sanctified thee: One living and immortal God, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ANOTHER FORM.

LORD, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace. (Luke ii. 29.)

Into Thy hands, O God, we commend *his* spirit; for Thou hast redeemed it, O Lord, thou God of truth. (Psalm xxxi. 6.)

Bring *his* soul out of prison, that it may praise thee. (Psalm cxlii. 9.)

O deliver *him* from the body of this death. (Rom. vii. 24.)

Say unto *his* soul, I am thy salvation. (Psalm xxxv. 3.)

Say unto *him*, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise. (Luke xxiii. 43.)

Let *him* now feel the salvation of Jesus, let *him* now feel the anointing of Christ, (1 John ii. 27,) even the oil of gladness wherewith thou art anointed. (Psalm xlv. 8; Heb. i. 9.)

Guide thou *him* through the valley of the shadow of death. (Psalm xxiii. 4.)

Let *him* see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. (Psalm xxvii. 15.)

O Lord, command *his* spirit to be received up to Thee in peace. (Acts vii. 59.)

O Lord, bid *him* come to Thee. (Matt. xiv. 28.)

Lord Jesus, receive *his* spirit, (Acts vii. 59,) and open to him the gates of everlasting glory. (Psalm xxiv. 7.)

Let Thy loving spirit lead *him* forth into the land of righteousness, (cxliii. 10,) into Thy holy hill, (Psalm xv. 6,) into Thy heavenly kingdom. (2 Tim. iv. 18.)

Send Thine angel to meet *him*, and carry *him* into Abraham's bosom. (Luke xvi. 22.)

Place *him* in the habitation of light and peace, of joy and gladness. Receive *him* into the arms of Thy mercy, and give him an inheritance with Thy saints in light, (Col. i. 12.)

There to reign with Thy elect angels, Thy blessed saints departed, Thy holy prophets, and glorious apostles, in all joy, glory, felicity, and blessedness, for ever and ever. Amen.—*Bp. Andrewes.*

A PRAYER TO BE USED AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE SOUL.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, seeing it hath pleased Thee to take this Thy servant out of the miseries of this sinful world, unto Thy heavenly kingdom; Lord, Thy name be blessed now and evermore. Make us, we beseech Thee, that yet remain, mindful of our mortality, that we may walk before Thee in righteousness and holiness all the days of our life; and when the time of our departure shall come, we may rest in Thee, as our hope is this Thy servant doth; that we with *him*, and all others departed in the faith of Thy holy name, may rejoice together in Thy eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANOTHER FORM.

ALMIGHTY God, who governest all things in heaven and earth with infinite wisdom and infinite mercy,

and bringest good out of evil, comfort out of sorrow, and, after a gentle visitation, dost refresh Thy children with the light of Thy countenance, with the blessing of Thy providence, with the returns of Thy grace, and the comforts of Thy Holy Spirit; have mercy upon this family, and return to them all with Thy loving kindness, exchanging their present sorrow into the advantages of holiness and blessing. Be Thou now and ever what Thou gloriest in, a Father of the fatherless, a Husband to the widow, a God of comfort to them that mourn. Grant that Thy servants may not weep as men without hope, nor murmur at Thy dispensations, nor desire anything but that Thy will may be done, nor do anything but what is agreeable to Thy holy word and commandment. And grant that when Thou smitest any of us, it may increase Thy fear and love in us; and let Thy Holy Spirit so prevail over all our wills and understandings, our affections, interests, and hopes, that we may live in this world pleasing to Thee, and may go out of this world with a peaceful conscience, and have a joyful resurrection in the last day to a participation of the glories of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Bishop Taylor, abridged.*

A WIDOW'S PRAYER.

O ETERNAL God, most gracious Lord, and my most merciful Father, Thou art my refuge and my hope, my sanctuary and my rock, my guardian and protector all my days. I have offended Thee, and Thou hast smitten me, and corrected me with the visitation of a father's rod. O my God, give me patience under Thy afflicting hand, and a quiet and resigned spirit. Behold, O God, Thy handmaid is but a worm before Thee; shall dust and ashes repine against God? Thou art just and righteous in all thy ways, and though Thou hast afflicted me sore, yet, blessed be Thy holy

name, I have not lost my hope, and I can yet pray, and I will trust in Thee, though I die ; only be Thou pleased to let this Thy heavy hand conform me to the likeness of the holy Jesus, my dearest Saviour, that I may so bear the cross that I may never displease Him, nor dishonour the excellent name of a Christian.

By the means of Thy heavy hand I have obtained a new title to Thy especial providence and protection ; for Thou art the Patron of the poor, the Helper of the friendless, the Father of the fatherless, and the Defender of the widows. O my Lord, help me in my duties ; and though I have failed in all my relations hitherto, yet now let my sad state of widowhood be a state of repentance and holiness, of devotion and a severe religion. Let me recollect my years in bitterness, and my soul in sorrow for my sins : let me have no affections for the things of this world ; but let my hope and all my joys, my desires and my conversation be in heaven, and all my employment and care below how I may enjoy Thee in holy and spiritual union. O preserve thy servant in the state of widowhood, that I may never have any thought of change, till the day of my great change shall come. Give me Thy grace dearly to preserve the memory of my dear husband ; and wholly to employ my time, my estate, and all my powers, [*in bringing up my children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in making fitting provisions for them, and giving them good examples,*] in bearing the burden of the Lord sweetly, in prayer and fasting, in alms and piety, in reading and meditating, in spiritual and sacramental communions, that when the work of my life is done, I may find pardon, and favour, and acceptance at the hands of my Lord, and a portion among Thy saints and servants.

Preserve me Thy servant from all evil, lead me into all good ; change my sorrows into comforts, my infirmity into spiritual strength ; take all iniquity from

me, and let Thy servant never depart from Thee. I am Thine, O save me; I am Thine, sanctify and preserve me for ever; that neither life nor death, health nor sickness, prosperity nor adversity, weakness within, nor cross accidents without, may ever separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen, Blessed Jesus. Amen.—*Ibid.*

[Where there are Children this may be added.]

O MY God, preserve my *children* in the strictest duties and services to Thyself; O be Thou *their* God and Father; let Thy providence be *their* portion, Thy services *their* employment, Thy angels *their* guards; keep *them* so by Thy preventing and restraining grace, that *they* may not by *their* own sins provoke Thee to anger; and let not the sins of *their* forefathers be visited upon *them* in Thy anger and displeasure. O be pleased to grant that *they*, living in holy obedience to Thee, may feel a perpetual stream of mercy refreshing and supporting *them*; O let them not bear another's burden. Let *them* live in the favour of God and man, useful to others, an honour to *their* family, a comfort to all *their* friends and relatives, and servants to Thy Divine Majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN FRIEND.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, we adore Thy majesty, and submit to Thy providence, and revere Thy justice, and magnify Thy mercies, that it hath pleased Thee to deliver our (*brother or sister*,) whose departure on this day we call to mind, from the miseries of this sinful world; Thy counsels are secret, and Thy wisdom infinite. With the same hand Thou hast crowned *him* and smitten us; Thou hast taken *him*

into the regions of felicity, and placed *him* amongst saints and angels, and left us to mourn for our sins, and Thy displeasure. Lord, turn thine anger into mercy, Thy rod into comforts; and we humbly beseech Thee of Thy gracious goodness shortly to satisfy the longing desires of those holy souls who pray, and wait, and long, for Thy second coming. Accomplish Thou the number of Thine elect, and fill up the mansions in heaven, which are prepared for all them that love the coming of the Lord Jesus, that we, with this our *brother*, and all others departed this life in the obedience and faith of the Lord Jesus, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thy eternal glory, which shall never have ending. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.—*Bp. Taylor.*

Devotions for "Women Labouring of Child."

ADDRESS TO MOTHERS.

DURING this, the most important and critical period of female existence, when each mother of the human race is called to bear her portion of that curse, which first descended on the mother of all living, too much attention cannot be given to the regulation of the heart. The indisputable fact, that the body of the unborn child is affected by impressions of the maternal mind, and the no less certain truth, that intellectual and moral habits and dispositions are transmitted from parents to their offspring, should, we think, make every mother most watchful and diligent in the cultivation of her own mind and heart. It may be of the utmost consequence to the future comfort and welfare of the precious little being, destined for immortality, that the mother should discipline her own mind, regulate her affections, and subdue her evil passions, lest, through her heedlessness, she transmit to her offspring that distressing irritability of mind and body which renders the lives of many so wretched. The very possibility that our own infirmities and weaknesses may be entailed upon our children, ought to make every Christian mother most earnest in cultivating that pure, calm, and heavenly frame of mind, which is so essential to her peace and everlasting welfare, as well as to that of others.

But this victory over self, this subjugation of the evil habits and tempers which cleave to us, can only be effected by a life of faith and prayer; a life spent

in close and constant communion with the Source of all holiness and strength. We would, then, earnestly exhort every mother, if she has any love for her children, any desire to see them happy and useful, any hope of meeting them in heaven, or any regard for her own happiness and salvation, to seek at all times, but more especially during pregnancy, that grace which can alone subdue that trifling worldly spirit, and those unholy tempers which mar the peace and welfare of so many families. Cultivate that calm, prayerful, self-denying spirit which will keep in check the irritability peculiar to your condition; and so regulate your own heart, that you may be able to lead the affections of your children heavenward. Be frequent and fervent in prayer. Dismiss all painful subjects from the mind, and let your reading, meditation, and conversation, be hallowing, solid, instructive, and cheerful; and you will thus become more devout Christians, happier women, and better mothers, and may be instrumental in training your beloved children to holiness and usefulness in life, and preparing them for everlasting happiness in the world to come. Where is the mother who would not make an effort to accomplish this?

A PRAYER TO BE USED DURING PREGNANCY.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of all mercy and comfort, of whose only gift it is that the womb becometh fruitful, graciously behold me, Thine humble and unworthy handmaid, that as by Thy good Providence I have conceived a child within my womb into which Thou hast breathed a spirit of life, so, by Thy continual aid, I may be preserved with it from all perils, and, at the fulness of my time, may safely bring it forth into the world. And when it is born, vouchsafe also that it may be born again by baptism, and brought up in Thy holy religion, till it be finally

brought to Thine everlasting kingdom, where, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.—*Bishop Cosins.*

ANOTHER.

O GOD, who art the Author of our being, the Fountain of life, and of all blessings, spiritual and temporal; Thou art great, and doest wondrous things; Thou art God alone; I adore Thy Majesty, which has begun an excellent work in me, which no eye but Thine sees, and no hand but Thy almighty power can finish.

Be pleased, I beseech Thee, in Thy great goodness, to perfect and complete that which Thou hast now begun in me, give it its due shape and full growth, and preserve me from all frights, or evil accidents, which may cause me to miscarry. And bless it, O God, in mind as well as in body; endue it with an understanding capable to know Thee, with a heart strongly bent to fear Thee, and with all those holy and good dispositions that may make it always amiable in Thy sight. Oh! sanctify it, I beseech Thee, from the womb, and receive and reckon it for Thy child, as soon as it is mine, lent to me for my comfort, but created and preserved by Thee for Thy service and glory.

O Lord, I humbly commit both myself and this babe, which is conceived in me, to Thy mercy and goodness; strengthen and enable me, I beseech Thee, to go through all the pains and uneasiness of child-bearing with patience and submission to Thy will, considering that they are the just punishment of sin; give me an humble trust and dependence on Thy fatherly care and good providence, and make me, in Thy good time, the joyful mother of a hopeful child, which may live to be an instrument of Thy glory, and by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in its

generation, may be received into Thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.—*New Manual.*

WHEN THE TIME OF TRAVAIL DRAWETH NIGH.

O BLESSED Lord God, who for the offence of the first woman didst denounce and impose an inevitable curse upon all her posterity, namely, that they should conceive in sin, and be subject to many grievous pains, and should bring forth their children with great danger; assuage, I beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, the sharpness of that decree, and preserve me, that I may overcome and escape this great danger, and be delivered of the fruit of my body, without peril of death; and that it may safely be brought to the sacred font of baptism, and be regenerated and engrafted into the mystical body of Christ, and made partaker of His death and passion. And as Thou hast of Thy bounty given bodily life to it and me; so grant to us both life spiritual; and so sanctify our bodies and souls here, that hereafter we may live among Thy blessed saints for ever in the life to come. Amen.—*Bishop Andrewes.*

EJACULATIONS IN THE TIME OF TRAVAIL.

SAVE, Lord, and hear me, O King of heaven, now that I call upon Thee, in this time of my trouble.

Be not far from me, O Lord; Thou art my succour, haste Thee to help me. Look upon my adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sins; that I may show the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

O hide not Thou Thy face from me; nor cast Thy servant away in displeasure. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Thou art my Helper and Redeemer, make no long tarrying, O my God, nor suffer me to sink under the burden of my pains.

Oh! be Thou my help in this time of my trouble; for without Thee vain is the help of man.

O Lord, let it be Thy pleasure to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me.

A PRAYER TO BE USED BY THE HUSBAND, OR A
FRIEND.

O God, our refuge and strength, I fly unto Thee for succour, in behalf of Thy servant, now labouring under the pains and anguish of child-birth. Shorten her sorrows, increase her patience, and lay not upon her more than Thou wilt enable her to bear.

O blessed Jesus, who Thyself was born of a woman, make haste to help her. Be with her in her agony; enable her patiently to bear her pain, and in Thy good time send her ease and deliverance. Bless the endeavours of those who are to assist her; preserve that infant which now struggles for its birth; and (if it be Thy good pleasure) make her speedily a joyful mother of a hopeful child, that may live to be an instrument of Thy glory, and useful in its generation. Amen.

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and passion hast redeemed us, save her and help her, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER DELIVERY.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, in whom I live, and move, and have my being; by Thee I have been preserved ever since I was born, and to Thy infinite goodness I acknowledge it to be owing that I am now alive. I desire, O Lord, to adore and praise Thy glorious Majesty, for the many mercies and favours which Thou hast bestowed upon me all my life long; and (more particularly,) I present myself

before Thee, at this time, to bless and praise Thy holy name, for Thy late mercies vouchsafed unto me, in delivering me from the great pains and perils of child-birth. It was Thy power that preserved me, Thy goodness that delivered me, and Thy hand that supported me, when pain and sorrow laid hold upon me. Praised, therefore, be that infinite love, which moved Thee to deal so graciously with Thy servant, and to enable a weak and feeble creature to go through the sorrow and anguish of travail.

O Lord, give me such a sense of Thy great goodness to me, that I may make it the great study and business of my life to serve and please Thee in all things; that so my returns of duty and obedience may in some measure be answerable to those manifold mercies I have received at Thy hands.

Mortify and subdue in me all sinful and corrupt affections, and whatever may tend to alienate my love from Thee, and to slacken my endeavours after the pursuit of heavenly things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*New Manual.*

[If the Child be living, add this:]

O LORD God Almighty, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst create all natures, and bring all things out of nothing into being; I implore and beseech Thee of Thy goodness to give Thy blessing to this child I have brought forth; cause it to grow in stature, sanctify it, endue it with understanding, and wisdom, and gentleness of manners. Let the cross of Thine only-begotten Son be signed in *his* heart, and in *his* mind; to drive away all worldly vanities; and to protect *him* from the power of the adversary. Vouchsafe unto *him* Thy holy baptism, and grant that Thy holy name may remain upon *him*, never to be renounced; that, being joined to Thy holy church, *he* may be made perfect in the mysteries

of Thy Christ; and that, living after Thy commandments, and preserving this seal inviolable, *he* may obtain the blessedness of the elect in Thy kingdom; through the grace and loving-kindness of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.—*Compiled from "Ancient Offices."*

ANOTHER THANKSGIVING.

GRACIOUS God, by whose providence we are all fearfully and wonderfully made, who beholdest us when we are yet imperfect, and in whose book are all our members written; I humbly beseech Thee to accept this my reverence of Thy power, and to receive this my most hearty praise and thanksgiving, which I now offer up unto Thy Divine Majesty, for Thy blessed favour and goodness towards me in vouchsafing to assist me during the time of this my dangerous travail, and to bless me with a joyful benediction, even the fruit of mine own womb. Behold, O Lord, what Thine own hands alone have fashioned; and grant that this little infant, which Thou hast made by Thy power, may be preserved by Thy goodness, and forthwith enjoying the benefits of Thy holy baptism, may be made a lively member of Thy church, and be carefully brought up to serve Thee in all godliness and honesty; through the merits of Thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Bp. Cosins.*

A PRAYER BEFORE THE BAPTISM OF THE CHILD.

O LORD our God, who wast carried as a child into the temple, by Thy mother, the blessed Virgin Mary,—do Thou, O Almighty Lord, give Thy blessing to this (our) child, to be presented this day before Thee, the Creator of all; make *him* to grow in every good work, and well-pleasing to Thee; put far from

him all adverse power, by the might of Thy cross and passion, for Thou, O Lord, art the Keeper of infants ; that, having vouchsafed unto *him* Thy holy baptism, *he* may receive *his* portion with the elect in Thy kingdom, and with us may preserve the grace of the holy, consubstantial, and undivided Trinity ; for all glory, thanksgiving, and adoration are due unto Thee, with Thine everlasting Father, and Thy most holy, blessed, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast redeemed us from sin and shame, so deal with this our infant, whom we humbly desire to offer this day to our blessed Saviour Jesus, that He should receive *him*, and bless *him* with the blessings of an everlasting love. Receive *him*, O most gracious Lord, who is Thy child by creation, make *him* Thine also by adoption into Thy covenant of grace. Admit *him*, O Lord God, by holy baptism, into the bosom of Thy Church, into the arms of Thy mercy, into a right to the promises, into the service of Christ, and the communion of saints. Give *him* power to become a son of God, that, being buried with Christ in baptism, *he* may also rise with Him to righteousness and life. Put away from *him* all the powers of the devil, and so fill *him* with Thy Spirit, that *he* may have *his* understanding for ever brought into the obedience, *his* affections to the love, and all *his* faculties to the service of Christ ; and after *he* hath served Thee in *his* generation, *he* may receive *his* part and portion in Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Ancient Offices.*

A Penitential Office,

COMPILED FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER,
AND THE DEVOTIONAL WRITINGS OF BISHOPS
TAYLOR, ANDREWES, AND KEN, DRS. SHERLOCK,
HICKS, AND OTHERS.*

EXHORTATION TO SELF-EXAMINATION.

SOUND thy heart to the bottom, and try it nicely, to be thoroughly satisfied of thy sincerity. Let no day pass without an account taken of thy life, and be sure to observe very diligently what ground you gain or lose; what alteration appears in your temper, behaviour, affections, desires; what resemblance or degeneracy from God; how near approaches you make, or to what distance you are cast. Above all other subjects, study your own self; for he who is thoroughly acquainted with himself, hath attained to a more valuable sort of learning, than if the course and position of the stars, the virtues of plants, the nature of all sorts of animals, &c. had employed his thoughts.

Govern your passions, manage your actions with prudence; and where false steps have been made, correct them for the future. Let nothing be allowed to grow headstrong and disorderly, but bring all

* Any parts of this Office may be used on the Friday-fast, or any day of humiliation, before receiving the "Holy Communion." The entire Office will be found suitable for the penitential seasons of the Church, such as Advent, Lent, Passion Week, &c.]

under discipline. Set all your faults before your own eyes, and pass sentence on yourself with the same severity that you would do upon another. When this is done, seriously lament your transgressions: open your guilt and grief before God; show Him the troubles of a wounded conscience. And when you mortify yourself, and melt away in tears of contrition before Him, extend your charity to your fellow-christians.—*St. Bernard.*

I.—A PRAYER BEFORE SELF-EXAMINATION.

HEAR the voice of my humble petition, O Lord, now I cry unto Thee, and lift up mine hands towards Thy mercy-seat. Behold, Lord, I am now about to search into my own heart: but, alas! my heart is deceitful, and desperately wicked, who can know it? Thou, therefore, who searchest the heart, and triest the reins, discover to me all the evils and deceits of my own heart, that I may confess, bewail, and forsake them, and obtain mercy. Lord, hear me; Lord, help me, for the merits of Jesus my Saviour. Amen.

HEADS OF SELF-EXAMINATION.

1. BAPTISMAL COVENANT.

I ADJURE thee, O my soul, in the presence of the great Judge, who knows all the secrets of thine heart; I adjure thee, as thou wilt answer it before God's judgment-seat at the last day, to tell me—

1. How hast thou spent thy time from thy childhood to this very moment?

Hast thou violated the vows of baptism by yielding to the suggestions of Satan, in pride, lying, malice, hatred, envy, slander, or backbiting?

2. Hast thou not sought after "the pomps and vanities of the world," in vain-glory, boastings, over-

costly apparel, imperious language, affected gestures, scornful looks; esteeming thyself above others, either in respect of wealth, credit, wit, learning, or other endowments; and following the vain customs of the world,—preferring thy worldly interests before the service and glory of God?

3. Hast thou followed “the sinful lusts of the flesh,” viz, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelling, &c.?

I AM unworthy, O Lord, to take Thy holy name into my mouth, ashamed to lift up mine eyes to Heaven; for I have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, in that I have daily broken my vow and promise made unto the God of heaven. I am unworthy to be called Thy son, having obeyed the suggestions and done the works of the devil;

Lord, be merciful unto me a miserable sinner.

I have greatly coveted and pursued the pomps and vanities of this wicked world; and have sought its flattering pleasures, more than the unspeakable glories of the world to come. The pride of life hath ensnared me to seek the praise of men, rather than that of God; and the lust of the eyes hath enticed me to prefer the service of Mammon, to the love and service of my Maker and Redeemer;

God, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have more readily obeyed the sinful lusts of the flesh, than the godly motions of Thy Spirit.

O Lord God, most gracious and reconcileable, have mercy upon me; pity and pardon me, and do away my offences, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

2. THE COMMANDMENTS.

I ADJURE thee, O my soul, in the presence of the great Judge, &c.

1st Command. Hast thou, O my soul, loved God above all things: obeyed and feared Him; and worshipped Him from the heart with prayers, praises, and thanksgivings? Hast thou done all things to His glory; sought to know His will? Dost thou believe all His word, submit to His providence, and avoid all hypocrisy and lip service?

2d Command. Hast thou, O my soul, worshipped the true God, in spirit and in truth, with all lowliness and humility of body and soul, without irreverence or superstition?

Hast thou revered His house, His sacraments, His word, and ministers, abhorring all profanation of things sacred; and hast thou never set up idols in thy heart or imaginations, making a god of the world by ambition and covetousness, or of the belly by luxury?

Hast thou prepared thyself to come to the heavenly banquet of the body and blood of Christ, by examining thyself, confessing and bewailing thy sins with deep contrition, and a full purpose of amendment? Hast thou approached this holy sacrament with reverence and humility, discerning the Lord's body, and received the same with a lively faith in God's mercies, through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His death, and with unfeigned charity to all men?

3d Command. Dost thou honour and revere the most holy name of God, avoiding the mention of it on all trivial occasions; abhorring all profaneness and blasphemy, all unlawful oaths? and dost thou religiously keep all lawful vows, promises, and oaths, &c.?

4th Command. Hast thou kept holy the Lord's day, spending it in the worship of His house, in

reading, meditation, and private prayers, and works of charity? Hast thou made vain excuses for not attending church : made or received idle and worldly visits, or needlessly used the lower animals on this day? and hast thou been careful to enforce the sacred duties of this holy day, on all with whom thou art concerned, such as children, servants, &c. ?

5th Command. Hast thou honoured, revered, and obeyed thy natural parents, kings, and all in authority ; bishops, and lawful pastors, rendering to all their honours and dues ?

Hast thou obeyed the lawful commands, and borne with the infirmities of father and mother? Hast thou spoken evil of the Queen or her government—spread the spirit of faction, or withheld the tribute due unto them ?

Hast thou obeyed the commands of the Bishop—heeded the advice of your lawful Pastor, spoken no evil of him, and avoided all schismatical meetings, remembering that they have the rule over thee, and that it is highly sinful to break the unity of the Church ?

Hast thou faithfully and uprightly served thy employers and masters ?

6th Command. Hast thou done anything wilfully to injure or shorten the life of another? Hast thou encouraged anger, malice, hatred, envy, rash or evil speaking, or sown strife and contention amongst others ?

7th Command. Hast thou been impure or unchaste in thy thoughts, words, or deeds? unfaithful to the marriage covenant? or hast thou excited lust in thyself or others by thy discourse or dress, or manners, or by luxurious diet ?

8th Command. Hast thou violated this command, by usury, oppression, cheating, injustice ; taking advantage of another's ignorance? Hast thou defrauded the Church or State of their dues—servants of their

wages, or those of whom thou hast borrowed anything, of their right, *or the poor of their alms*? Hast thou made restitution to those whom thou hast injured?

9th *Command*. Hast thou borne false witness against any person, or injured the name or reputation of others, by censoriousness, slander, detraction, invidious reflections, whisperings, tale-bearing, raising evil reports, or by any evil speaking?

10th *Command*. Hast thou not lusted after the things of others, or secretly desired the loss or ruin of thy neighbour's health, peace, credit, &c. or envied the flourishing estate of others? Hast thou been content with thy state and condition?

A PRAYER.

O LORD God, I have now, by Thy assistance, considered my own evil ways: O Thou, who only knowest the heart, and who only can change it, create in me such a broken and contrite heart, as Thou hast promised not to despise; and so deep a sense of my own sin and misery, that my repentance may bear some proportion to my guilt. O my God, pardon all my failings, and perfect that good work Thou hast begun in me, for the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour. Amen.

3. EXAMINATION OF RELIGIOUS ACTIONS.

EXAMINE your intention in every good work, whether in almsgiving, fasting, praying, or any other religious duty, you intend the glory of God, or seek your own glory, and the praise of men; or, second, the good of your soul, or mere worldly interests. Third. Whether it is done from true love to God, and obedience to His commands, or rather to please yourself.

After any public religious action, examine whether

you have not expected to be praised for your wit, wisdom, eloquence, zeal, or holiness.

4. THE SPECIAL PRECEPTS OF THE GOSPEL.

1. PRAYER, frequent, fervent, holy, and persevering. (Luke xviii. 1; 1 Thess. v. 17.) 2. Faith. (Mark xvi. 16.) 3. Repentance. (Luke xiii. 3; Acts iii. 19.) 4. Poverty of spirit. (Matt. v. 3; Luke xiv. 10; John xiii. 14.) 5. Humility, or sitting down in the lowest place. 6. Meekness, as opposed to waywardness, fretfulness, and scorn. (Matt. v. 5; Col. iii. 12.) 7. Contempt of the world. (Matt. x. 16.) 8. Prudence. (1 Thess. v. 8.) 9. Simplicity or sincerity. 10. Hope. (Rom. viii. 24; 1 Pet. i. 13.) 11. Hearing the word. (Luke xvi. 29; Mark iv. 24; James i. 21, 22.) 12. Reading. (1 Tim. iv. 13.) 13. Assembling together. (Heb. x. 25.) 14. Obeying them that have the rule over us. (Heb. xiii. 17; Matt. xviii. 17.) 15. Charity; viz. love to God above all; brotherly kindness to be expressed in alms, forgiveness, &c. (Col. iii. 14; 1 Tim. i. 5; 2 Tim. ii. 22; Mark xii. 30; Matt. vi. 14.) 16. To pluck out a right eye. 17. To reprove an erring brother. (Matt. xviii. 9, 15.) 18. To be patient in afflictions. (James i. 4; Luke xxi. 19.) 19. To be thankful to God and our benefactors. (Eph. v. 20; 2 Thess. i. 3.) 20. To rejoice in the Lord always. (1 Thess. v. 16; Phil. vi. 4.) 21. Not to grieve, resist, or quench the Spirit. (Acts vii. 51; Ephes. iv. 30; 1 Thess. v. 19.) 22. To love our wives, and reverence our husbands. (Eph. v. 33.) 23. To provide for our families. (1 Tim. v. 8.) 24. Not to be bitter to our children, but to bring them up for God. (Eph. vi. 4; Col. iii. 21.) 25. To be gentle, and easily entreated. (Eph. iv. 2; Col. iii. 12; 2 Tim. ii. 24.) 26. To give no scandal or offence. (Matt. xviii. 7.) 27. To follow peace with all. (Heb. xii. 14.) 28. To be honest. (Phil. iv. 8; 2 Cor. viii. 21.) 29. To abstain from all evil. (1 Thess. v. 22.) 30. To

turn sinners from their evil way. (James v. 19, 20.)
 31. To confess Christ before men. (Matt. x. 32.)
 32. To resist sin. (Heb. xii. 4.) 33. To rejoice in tribulation. (Matt. v. 12; James i. 2.) 34. To commemorate the Lord's death. (1 Cor. xi. 26.) 35. To believe God's word. (John xx. 30, 31; Mark i. 1; Acts iii. 23; Luke x. 16.) 36. To keep the customs of the Church. (1 Cor. xi. 16.) 37. To contend earnestly for the faith. (Jude 3.) 38. Not make schisms in the Church. (Rom. xvi. 17.) 39. To acknowledge Christ as our Master. (Matt. xxiii. 8—10.) 40. To be temperate. (1 Cor. ix. 25; Tit. ii. 2.) 41. To deny ourselves. (Matt. x. 38, xvi. 24.) 42. To mortify our lusts. (Rom. viii. 13; Col. iii. 5.) 43. To watch. (Matt. xxiv. 42.) 44. Not to be angry. (Matt. v. 22.) 45. Not to revile. (Eph. iv. 31; Tit. iii. 2.) 46. Not to swear. (Matt. v. 34.) 47. Not to respect persons. (James ii. 1.) 48. To keep the Lord's-day. 49. To do all things to God's glory. (1 Cor. x. 31.) 50. To hunger and thirst after righteousness. (Matt. v. 6.) 51. To pray for persecutors. (Matt. v. 24; Rom. xii. 14.) 52. To pray for all men. (1 Tim. ii. 1.) 53. To maintain good works. (Tit. iii. 14.) 54. To work with our own hands. (Eph. iv. 28.) 55. To be perfect as our heavenly Father. (Matt. v. 48.) 56. To be liberal. (1 Pet. iii. 8; 2 Pet. i. 6, 7; 2 Cor. viii. 7, ix. 5; 1 Tim. ii. 9.) 57. To be modest. 58. To be swift to hear. (James i. 19.) 59. To worship the holy Jesus, at the mention of his Name, as God was worshipped at the name of Jehovah. (Philip. ii. 10.)

II.—A COMMINATION.

CURSED is the man that maketh any carved or molten image, to worship it.

¶ *And the people shall answer and say, Amen.*

M. Cursed is he that curseth his father or mother.

A. Amen.

M. Cursed is he that removeth his neighbour's land-mark.

A. Amen.

M. Cursed is he that maketh the blind to go out of his way.

A. Amen.

M. Cursed is he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.

A. Amen.

M. Cursed is he that smiteth his neighbour secretly.

A. Amen.

M. Cursed is he that lieth with his neighbour's wife.

A. Amen.

M. Cursed is he that taketh reward to slay the innocent.

A. Amen.

M. Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man, and taketh man for his defence, and in his heart goeth from the Lord.

A. Amen.

M. Cursed are the unmerciful, fornicators, and adulterers, covetous persons, idolaters, slanderers, drunkards, and extortioners.

A. Amen.

EXHORTATION TO REPENTANCE.

Now seeing that all they are accursed (as the prophet David beareth witness) who do err and go astray from the commandments of God; let us (remembering the dreadful judgment hanging over our heads, and always ready to fall upon us) return unto our Lord God, with all contrition and meekness of heart; bewailing and lamenting our sinful life, acknowledging and confessing our offences, and seeking to bring forth worthy fruits of penance. For now is the axe put

unto the root of the trees, so that every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God: He shall pour down rain upon the sinners, snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest; this shall be their portion to drink. For lo, the Lord is come out of his place to visit the wickedness of such as dwell upon the earth. But who may abide the day of His coming? Who shall be able to endure when He appeareth? His fan is in His hand, and He will purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire. The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night: and when men shall say, Peace, and all things are safe, then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as sorrow cometh upon a woman travailing with child, and they shall not escape. Then shall appear the wrath of God in the day of vengeance, which obstinate sinners, through the stubbornness of their heart, have heaped unto themselves; which despised the goodness, patience, and long-sufferance of God, when he calleth them continually to repentance. Then shall they call upon Me, (saith the Lord,) but I will not hear; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me; and that, because they hated knowledge, and received not the fear of the Lord, but abhorred My counsel, and despised my correction. Then shall it be too late to knock when the door shall be shut; and too late to cry for mercy when it is the time of justice. O terrible voice of most just judgment, which shall be pronounced upon them, when it shall be said unto them, Go, ye cursed, into the fire everlasting, which is prepared for the devil and his angels. Therefore, brethren, take we heed betime, while the day of salvation lasteth; for the night cometh, when none can work. But let us, while we have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light; that

we be not cast into utter darkness, where is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us not abuse the goodness of God, who calleth us mercifully to amendment, and of his endless pity promiseth us forgiveness of that which is past, if with a perfect and true heart we return unto Him. For though our sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; and though they be like purple, yet they shall be made white as wool. Turn ye (saith the Lord) from all your wickedness, and your sin shall not be your destruction: Cast away from you all your ungodliness that ye have done: Make you new hearts, and a new spirit: Wherefore will ye die, O ye house of Israel, seeing that I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God? Turn ye, then, and ye shall live. Although we have sinned, yet have we an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins. For He was wounded for our offences, and smitten for our wickedness. Let us, therefore, return unto Him, who is the merciful receiver of all true penitent sinners; assuring ourselves that He is ready to receive us, and most willing to pardon us, if we come unto Him with faithful repentance; if we submit ourselves unto Him, and from henceforth walk in His ways; if we will take his easy yoke, and light burden upon us, to follow Him in lowliness, patience, and charity, and be ordered by the governance of His Holy Spirit; seeking always His glory, and serving Him duly in our vocation with thanksgiving: This if we do, Christ will deliver us from the curse of the law, and from the extreme malediction which shall light upon them that shall be set on the left hand; and He will set us on His right hand, and give us the gracious benediction of His Father, commanding us to take possession of His glorious kingdom: Unto which He vouchsafe to bring us all, for His infinite mercy. Amen.

¶ *Then kneel upon your knees, and say this Psalm :*

Miserere mei, Deus. Psalm li.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face away from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again : and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall show Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee : but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

II.—CONFESSION OF SINS.

O THOU great Judge of heaven and earth, before whose glorious Majesty even the good angels, who never sinned, fall prostrate and tremble ; with what debasement and dread ought I to appear before Thy awful Presence, who am but dust and ashes ; and a miserable, wretched sinner. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity with the least approbation ; the way of the wicked is an abomination to Thee. Woe is me, then, O Lord ! for I have inclined unto wickedness with

my whole heart ; but for the sake of Thy well-beloved Son, cast not out my prayer, nor turn Thy mercy from me.

I have gone astray from the womb ; I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me ; and I have rendered myself still more abominable and filthy, by a continual course of wickedness all my days.

Lord, have mercy upon me, cleanse and forgive me. O save me for Thy mercies' sake.

My whole nature is prone to evil ; my understanding is full of ignorance and error ; my will perverse my memory tenacious of evil, and forgetful of my duty ; my passions are inordinate ; my senses the inlets of impurity ; and I feel a law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin.

Lord, have mercy upon me, and deliver me from this tyranny of sin.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son : I have violated the solemn vow I made to Thee in baptism, by eagerly pursuing the vanities of this wicked world ; easily yielding to the temptations of the Devil ; and by indulging my own carnal desires and lusts ; by a dead faith, and by disobedience to Thy holy will and commandments.

I have sinned, O Lord God, I have sinned against Thee, by, &c. (*Here mention particulars.*)

I have committed these sins frequently against the checks of my conscience, &c.

O Lord, pity, cleanse, forgive, and save me, for Thy mercy's sake.

I have sinned, O Lord God, I have sinned against Thee and my neighbours, by, &c.

I have sinned against Thee, and myself in violating the precepts of Thy holy Gospel, &c.

O Lord, pity, cleanse, &c.

A PRAYER FOR PARDON.

MERCIFUL and gracious Lord, long-suffering, and of great goodness: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against Thee. Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; for Thy name's sake, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great; even for that Name, beside which there is none other given among men whereby we must be saved. Forgive my guilt, heal my sores, blot out my sins, and cleanse me from secret faults. For the tender bowels of the Father, for the bleeding wounds of the Son, for the unutterable plaints of the Holy Ghost. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; for Thine own sake, O Lord, my God. I recount my sins in the bitterness of my soul, and am moved with indignation. I abhor and chasten myself because my sorrow is not fuller. Lord, I repent; help Thou my impenitence; and more and more pierce, grieve, and crush my heart; pass by, forgive, and pardon all that I have done amiss. Spare me, therefore; for it is not difficult to Thy power, nor unbecoming Thy justice, nor unusual to Thy mercy, to spare a sinner. Thou who hast created me, do not destroy me; Thou who hast redeemed me, do not condemn me. Let Thy unbounded loving-kindness look down upon my misery; let Thy universal pity look upon my guilt. Weak, I betake me to the Omnipotent: wounded, I fly to the Physician. Blot out the multitude of my offences; renew the abundance of Thy mercies—for, though I be defiled and blinded, diseased, and even dead, yet Thou canst cleanse me, Thou canst enlighten and heal me.

Deliver me, O Lord, on the bed of sickness, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment. Let not any baneful inclinations work me harm, nor any evil habit work my destruction. But keep me, I pray Thee, from vain, injurious, and impure imaginations;

from pollutions of mind and body, and from the delusions of evil spirits, for the sake, and through the merits, of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

V. Lord, let my prayer come before Thee.

R. And hide not Thy face from me.

Our Father, &c.

PROPER PSALMS. (VI. XXXII. XXXVIII. LI.)

LESSON. (Job VII. AND X.)

I HAVE sinned; what shall I do unto Thee, O Thou preserver of men? Why hast thou set me as a mark against Thee, so that I am a burden to myself? And why dost Thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and Thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say unto God, do not condemn me; show me wherefore Thou contendest with me. Is it good unto Thee that Thou shouldest oppress, that Thou shouldest despise the work of Thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked? Hast Thou eyes of flesh, or seest Thou as man seeth, that Thou inquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about: yet Thou dost destroy me. Remember, I beseech Thee, Thou hast made me as the clay, and wilt Thou bring me into the dust again? Thou hast granted me life and favour, and Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. If I sin, then Thou markest me, and Thou wilt not acquit me for mine iniquity. If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see Thou mine affliction.

RESPONSE.

WOE is me, wretched sinner, what shall I do? I have committed evil in the sight of my God: I have

offended His Majesty. Whither shall I fly from the justice of my Judge, whither, but unto the mercy of my Saviour. My corrupt nature hath brought forth sin; and sin hath brought forth sorrow. Where shall I seek for pardon? where shall I find relief, but in Thee, my God, my hope and portion in the land of the living? Have mercy upon me, O Lord, have mercy upon me, when Thou comest in glory to judge the world. Amen.

PROPER PSALMS. (CII. CXXX. CXLIII.)

LESSON. (Job XIV. XXV.)

MAN that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble; he cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. And dost Thou open Thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with Thee; seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with Thee, Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass. Turn from him that he may rest, till he shall accomplish as an hireling his day. O that Thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that Thou wouldest keep me secret until Thy wrath be past, that Thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! For now Thou numberest my steps; dost Thou not watch over my sin? How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman? For His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He seeth all his goings. There is no darkness or shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more. That which I see not, teach Thou me; if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

Isaiah, chap. i. and Joel, chap. ii. may be read as lessons; or Jer. ii. iii. v. vii. xvii. or Ezek. xviii.

RESPONSE.

WHERE shall I hide me from the face of Thy wrath? where shall I hide me when Thou comest to judge the living and the dead? I tremble at my own unworthiness; I am afraid thus impure to appear in Thy Presence. I know that my sins (if not repented of) will exclude me from Thy kingdom, where nothing unclean can enter. Wash me yet more, O Lord, from my iniquities, and purge me thoroughly from my sins. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Christ, &c.

Lord, &c.

V. O that mine eyes were a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for my many sins.

R. And humbly confess my grievous offences.

V. I have sinned against Thee, O God.

R. I have broken the laws of my Maker.

V. I have provoked the wrath of my Judge.

R. What shall I do, O Thou Preserver of men?

V. Spare me, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake.

R. Spare me, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

V. Pardon, O Lord, my sins of infirmity and wilfulness.

R. Check my unruly passions, that I may turn to Thee with my whole heart,

V. In fasting, weeping, and mourning.

R. That I may bring forth fruits meet for repentance.

Let us pray.

1. O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to Thy people, who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us; through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

III.—PENITENTIAL LITANY.

I AM not worthy, O Lord, to look up to heaven, which is the throne of Thy purity; for my sins are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have not lived according to Thy will, but in the vanity of my own thoughts, in idle, sinful language, in foolish actions, in blindness of heart, in contempt of Thy holy word and commandments; I have not loved Thee, my God, with all my heart, nor feared Thee with all my soul, nor served Thee with all my strength, according to Thy holy precepts, nor loved my neighbour as myself.

Lord, &c.

I have been unthankful to Thy Divine Majesty, forgetting that Thou madest me, and preservest me; to Thy Son, my blessed Saviour, forgetting the bitter pains He suffered for me; and to the Holy Ghost, forgetting how many gracious influences I have received from Him for my help and comfort.

Lord, &c.

I have offended Thee, my God, in an inordinate estimation of myself, in vain desires to be esteemed more than others; in not suffering with meekness and obedience the humiliations sent by Thy divine providence; and in haughty deportment.

Lord, &c.

I have offended Thee in impatience, and anger, and in peevishness at trifling accidents; and by being envious of my neighbour.

Lord, &c.

I have been negligent in the performance of my charge, idle in doing my duties, self-indulgent in my

life, indevout in my prayers, slothful in the exercises of religion, weary of their length, and displeased at their return.

Lord, &c.

I have been diligent in pleasing my appetite, in meat, and drink, and pleasures, pampering the flesh, quenching the Spirit, making matter for sin and sickness.

Lord, &c.

I have been an improvident steward of Thy gifts ; have loved them inordinately, sought them greedily and unjustly, dispensed them idly, and parted with them unwillingly. I have not been so charitable to the poor, or so pitiful to the afflicted, or compassionate to the sick, or so ready to supply the wants of my neighbours as I ought. I have set my affections on earthly, rather than heavenly things.

Lord, &c.

My eyes, O Lord, have wandered after vanity, despising my neighbours, and prying into their faults, but have been blind to my own.

Lord, &c.

I have not kept the door of my lips, nor bridled my tongue ; but I have spoken rashly of others, aggravating their faults, or lessening their worth, slandering and backbiting them.

Lord, &c.

Mine ears have been greedy after vanity, listening after things unprofitable, and to the prejudice of my neighbour.

Lord, &c.

I have offended Thee by evil, impure, unclean, thoughts. I have made myself guilty of the sins of others, by consent, by approving, or not reproofing, by encouraging their evil actions.

Lord, &c.

I have broken my vows and purposes of obedience and holy life ; I have been inconstant to all good,

revengeful of injuries, forgetful of benefits, seeking my own ends.

Lord, &c.

My secret sins, O Lord, are innumerable. I am confounded with the number of them.

O Jesu God, be merciful unto me.

PRAYER FOR PARDON.

SON of David, blessed Redeemer, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me; O Jesu, be a Saviour unto me: Thou that sparedst Thy servant Peter that denied Thee thrice; Thou that didst cast seven devils out of Mary Magdalene, and forgavest the woman taken in adultery, and didst bear the convert thief from the cross to the joys Paradise,

Have mercy upon me also.

I acknowledge, O Lord, that I am vile, but yet redeemed with Thy precious blood; I am blind, but Thou art the Light of the world; I am weak, but Thou art my strong Rock; I have been dead in trespasses and sins, but Thou art my Resurrection and my Life.

Thou, O Lord, lovest to show mercy. Behold, then, O Lord, a fit object for Thy pity: my sins are so many and great, that to forgive me will be an act of glorious mercy. Despise me not, O Lord, for I am Thy creature; despise me not, for Thou didst die for me; cast me not away in Thine anger, for Thou camest to seek and to save me.

Behold, I am in Thy hands; grant I may so weep and be contrite for my sins, that in the hour of my death I may find mercy, and in the day of judgment I may be freed from all the terrors of Thy wrath, and the sentence of the wicked, and may behold Thy face with joy and security, being set at Thy right hand, with all Thy saints and angels, to sing an eternal

hallelujah to the honour of Thy mercies. Amen,
gracious Jesu, Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the Eternal God,
interpose Thy holy death, Thy cross and passion,
between Thy judgment and my soul, now and in the
hour of my death; granting unto me grace and
mercy,—to all faithful people pardon and peace,—to
the Church unity and amity,—to all sinners repent-
ance and amendment,—to us all, life and glory ever-
lasting, who livest and reignest ever one God, world
without end. Amen.—*Bp. Taylor.*

Office preparatory to the Holy Communion,
FROM ANCIENT LITURGIES, & BISHOPS KEN, SPINCKES,
SHERLOCK, AND OTHERS.

I.—ON PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT.

Question.—What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?

Answer.—To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercies through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His death, and be in charity with all men.

Although our Lord used such expressions and terms, in the institution of the sacrament of His Last Supper, as, if duly considered, would deter all people from approaching to it without "reverence and godly fear;" yet, nevertheless, there were some at first, especially at Corinth, who, not rightly understanding, or else not duly considering it, ventured to come to it as to an ordinary meal; and to eat and drink the body and blood of Christ, like common meat and drink. Which St. Paul hearing of, he rebuked them sharply for it, telling them, in plain terms, that "This was not to eat the Lord's Supper." (1 Cor. xi. 20—22.) But, looking upon it as proceeding chiefly from their ignorance of the institution, he acquaints them particularly with all the circumstances of it, as he had received it from the Lord Himself, (1 Cor. xi. 23—25,) and likewise with the

great end and design of it, even, to "show forth the Lord's death till he come." (1 Cor. xi. 26.)

And then, to convince them of their former error, and to make them more careful for the future to avoid it, he adds, "Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." (1 Cor. xi. 27.) As if he said, Seeing this which I have now declared is the nature and the end of this holy institution; therefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, as you have hitherto done, shall be guilty of a great sin, in profaning the body and blood of the Lord. And, that they might better understand His meaning, he repeats the same thing again in other and plainer words, saying, in the next verse but one, "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation (or judgment) to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (1 Cor. xi. 29.)

He doth not say, He that being unworthy (for so all men are,) shall, notwithstanding, presume to eat this bread, and drink this cup; but, he that doeth it unworthily, in an unworthy, irreverent, and unseemly manner, not becoming so holy an institution, as the Corinthians he speaks of did it, such an one eateth and drinketh, not the body and blood of Christ, but damnation (or rather, as the word signifies, judgment,) to himself; at least some temporal judgment, as he explains it in the next verse, saying, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." (1 Cor. xi. 30.)

But to show more fully what kind of unworthy receiving he here means, having said, "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself;" he adds, "Not discerning the Lord's body;" that is, not duly considering that it is the Lord's body, and, therefore, making no difference between that and common food; but eating this

bread, and drinking this cup, after the same manner as they do their ordinary meat and drink. This is the sin which the apostle here reproves, and corrects, and labours for the future to prevent.

For which purpose, he lays down this general rule, to be observed by all that come, as all Christians ought to do, to the Lord's Supper: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." (1 Cor. xi. 28.) He only saith in general, "Let a man examine himself;" without telling us particularly what he should examine himself about, supposing that to appear sufficiently from the nature of the sacrament itself, and the end of its institution, which he had now declared to them. However, from these words of the apostle, many of late years have taken occasion to write whole books, some, large volumes, concerning the preparation required to the due receiving of the Lord's Supper. But all that hath been, or need, or can be said to any purpose about it, is here delivered and taught by our Church, in few words, even, that they who come to the Lord's Supper are required "to examine themselves about their repentance, their faith, and their charity."

They must first examine themselves, "whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new life. For, unless they be sensible of, and truly penitent for, their former sins, they cannot have that respect and value for the body and blood of Christ, that was broken and shed for them, which is necessary to their due, reverent, and worthy receiving of them, when offered in this holy sacrament. Neither are they qualified for that pardon or remission which is there offered to them; for that being promised only to the penitent, none else are capable of it, and therefore cannot possibly receive it in that sacrament.

Neither is it sufficient that they be grieved and

troubled for their former sins ; but they must repent them truly of them, so as stedfastly to purpose and resolve, by the grace of God, to lead, for the future, a new life ; for, otherwise, it is no true repentance. And besides, our souls are here strengthened and refreshed only as to their “ new and spiritual life,” as we have shown already. And, therefore, they who do not lead such a “ new and spiritual life,” or at least do not stedfastly purpose to do so, having no subject matter for the body and blood of Christ to work upon, cannot receive it worthily, for they cannot receive it to any purpose or effect.

Wherefore, they who come to the Lord’s Supper, must search very diligently into their hearts and lives, and impartially examine themselves, and consider, whether they have not hitherto lived in some known sin, or in the neglect of some known duty ; and if they have, they must resolve, by God’s assistance, to do so no longer ; but to live for the future a truly pious and good life, as becometh the Gospel of Christ. And if they have done any wrong to any man, they must make him restitution, and all the satisfaction that they are able, as ever they desire to be worthy communicants in those holy mysteries, or to receive any benefit or comfort from them. In short, they must seriously consider wherein they have broken that solemn vow which they made to God, in the sacrament of baptism ; and whensoever they come to that of the Lord’s Supper, they must renew and ratify the same vow, and resolve in good earnest to keep it in all points more exactly for the future.

Having thus examined their repentance, they must, in the next place, examine, whether they have “ a lively faith in God’s mercies through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His death.” For without faith, as hath been shown, they cannot receive the body and blood of Christ at all, and, therefore, not worthily. Without faith, also, they cannot rightly

discern the body and blood of Christ from the bread and wine ; and therefore must needs eat that bread, and drink that cup of the Lord unworthily.

Now this faith necessarily supposeth our knowledge of the fundamental articles of the Christian faith, the nature of this holy institution, and likewise the mercies which God hath promised in Jesus Christ, upon which it must be in this case particularly exercised, with a "thankful remembrance of that death," by which He merited, and upon the sole account whereof God hath promised the said mercies to us.

So that when, upon examination, we find, that we "truly repent of our former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new life;" we must come to the Lord's Supper with a lively faith, firmly believing, that as really as we there eat and drink the outward elements of bread and wine, we do at the same time receive the full pardon of all our sins, by means of the body and blood of Christ then and there communicated to us, as broken and shed for us ; and not only the pardon of our former sins, "of God's infinite mercy in Christ," but likewise grace and strength to perform our holy purposes and resolutions, so as to live for the future in newness of life. He that comes to the Lord's table with such a well-grounded faith, can never return without the blessings he came for ; but will find his soul more strengthened and refreshed by the body and blood of Christ his Saviour, than any can imagine but he that feels it.

Wherefore, it being requisite that no man should come to the Lord's Supper but with such a full trust and confidence in God's mercies through Christ, if any man, by looking carefully into his heart, finds his conscience touched with so quick a sense of his former sins, that he knows not what to do, nor can satisfy his own mind, so as to be able to come to the Holy Communion with a lively faith and quiet conscience, "he should then go to some discreet and able minister

of God's word, and open his grief, that, by the ministry of God's holy word he may receive the benefit of absolution, together with ghostly counsel and advice, to the quieting of his conscience, and avoiding all scruples and doubtfulness;" as our Church directeth in the exhortation, when the minister giveth warning of the celebration of the Holy Communion.

The last thing which they who come to the Lord's Supper must examine themselves about, is, whether "they be in charity with all men;" so as not to bear any grudge, malice, or hatred against any person whatsoever. For the Lord himself having said, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matt. vi. 15.) Unless we forgive all the wrongs or injuries that other men have done us, we cannot go to this sacrament with any true faith and trust in God's mercies for the pardon of our sins; for He hath told us beforehand that He will not pardon them. "Therefore," saith He, "if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." (Matt. v. 23, 24.) Whereby He hath plainly given us to understand, that He will not accept of the offering that we make, nor anything we do at His own table, except we "be in charity with all men."

And, therefore, where there hath been any hatred, malice, or variance betwixt parties, they must of necessity first be reconciled to one another, before they can be reconciled to God, so as truly to partake of the body and blood of Christ for the pardon of their sins. But if one of the parties hath a mind to be reconciled, and the other not, the Church hath given directions what is to be done in that case, in the rubric before the Communion.

He who, upon due examination, finds that he thus

“truly repenteth of his former sins, hath a lively faith in God’s mercies through Christ, and is in charity with all men,” may well come to the Lord’s Supper, without fear of eating that bread, and drinking that cup of the Lord unworthily. For, coming with a deep sense of his former sins upon his mind, he cannot but carry himself there with all humility, reverence, and godly fear that is due unto, and becoming those holy mysteries; coming with a quick and lively faith, he must needs “discern the Lord’s body;” and coming likewise with a true Christian charity, he is every way qualified to receive the body and blood of Christ, and to partake of the great benefits and blessings which are offered and exhibited to the faithful in the Lord’s Supper.

And if he finds, moreover, that he doth not only act these Christian graces at present, but hath exercised himself so long in them, that they are now become habitual to him, then he will not always need so much actual preparation, but being thus always habitually disposed for it, he may, to his unspeakable comfort, receive the blessed body and blood of his Saviour, whensoever it is administered, though it be every Lord’s day in the year, as it was in the primitive times, or every day in the week, as it was some time in the days of the apostles, and may be so still, according to the Liturgy of the Church of England.—*Bp. Beveridge on the Catechism.*

1. ACTS OF RESOLUTION TO LEAD A NEW LIFE.

O LORD God, I here renounce the Devil with all his impious suggestions, delusions, and temptations, &c. I utterly renounce the pomp and vanities of this wicked world; all covetous desires of honour, riches, pleasures, and sinful excesses in things lawful. I renounce all evil customs and companions; all that

is vain and wicked in the world, and that alienates from Thee. All worldly comforts and possessions that stand in competition with my duty to Thee. I utterly renounce all the sinful lusts of the flesh, which war against Thee and my own soul; all sloth and idleness, intemperance and lasciviousness, and filthiness of flesh and spirit; and all things that may in any way displease Thee.

From them all let it be Thy good pleasure to deliver me.

I am now preparing to renew my baptismal vows, which, alas! I have hitherto so often violated; I thank Thee, O heavenly Father, for this gracious opportunity, and by Thy help, will keep it inviolate all the days of my life.

O my God, I dedicate myself to Thee this day; I offer unto Thee my senses and passions, and all my faculties, desires, designs, studies, and endeavours; all that I have or am, I offer up entirely to Thy service. Lord, sanctify me wholly, that my whole spirit, soul, and body, may become Thy temple. O do Thou dwell in me, and be Thou my God. O perfect Thy strength in my weakness; let Thy Holy Spirit purify my corrupt nature, succour me in all temptations, and assist me in all religious duties. Give me that victorious faith which overcometh the world; and let Thy grace always preserve me. To Thy keeping I commit my soul; O cover thou me in the day of battle against my spiritual enemies, and so conform my whole life to the example of my blessed Saviour, that at the dreadful day of judgment I may find mercy through His merits, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for ever. Amen.—*Bp. Ken.*

2. ACTS OF FAITH IN CHRIST WITH A THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE OF HIS DEATH.

I STEDFASTLY believe in Thee, O gracious Jesu, Son of the blessed ; Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world ; in Thy all-sufficient merits alone I trust for the remission of my sins ; through the blood of Thy cross I hope for peace with God, strength against the powers of darkness, Thy grace, and the communion of Thy Spirit here, and everlasting bliss hereafter. In thy unfathomable grace, and the unsearchable depths of Thy love, is my hope ; my help standeth in Thy name, and I will not fear what man or devils can do unto me. Amen.

O MY crucified Saviour, I adore and greatly commemorate the triumphs of Thy almighty love, in taking on Thee, for our salvation, the form of a servant ; in enduring the reproaches, contradiction, and reviling, for our sakes. By Thy stripes we are healed ; by Thy death we live, Thy life-giving blood hath reconciled us to God, and Thy crown of thorns purchased for us a crown of glory. O the depths of the riches of Thy love ! How unutterable is the greatness of Thy mercy ! how unsearchable is Thy goodness ! O all ye holy Angels, behold and wonder, wretched man hath sinned against God, and God himself has suffered the sinner's punishment. O ye blessed host of heaven, adore with me my crucified Saviour ; adore and praise His unknown, inexpressible agonies, His astonishing love and amazing condescension.

AN ACT OF LOVE.

O MY gracious Lord, my heart is full of the sense of Thy love, in laying down Thy life for our sakes ; and what have I to return to Thee, but love again ?

It is all that I have to offer Thee ; accept it, O merciful Lord, imperfect as it is, and daily heighten the sense of Thy love to me. O Thou infinite lover of souls, with all my heart I love, I praise, I adore Thy love to me ; O translate me to Thy kingdom of glory, in Thy own good time, that there I may love Thee to the utmost capacity of a created being, and praise Thee to all eternity. Amen, Lord Jesus, Amen, Amen.

EJACULATIONS.

O HOLY Ghost, the personal love of the Father and Son, kindle in my heart the fire of divine love !

Through Thy eternal love, O holy Trinity, in creating, redeeming, and sanctifying, and preserving me hitherto, and in glorifying us hereafter, grant me, Lord, the grace to love Thee with a firm and irresistible love.

O Lamb of God, dying through love for us, worthy object of the love of all hearts, pardon me for having hitherto loved Thee so little, and enable me to love Thee with my whole heart and strength.

3. AN ACT OF LOVE AND DEVOTION.

I LOVE Thee, O my God, and desire to love Thee every day more fervently, for Thou deservest an affection equal to Thy own adorable and incomprehensible excellencies ; equal to the marvellous instances of goodness, of which Thy tender care for, and unspeakable condescensions in working out the eternal salvation of mankind have given such plentiful, such astonishing proofs. O let that fire descend into my heart, which burns with a bright and holy flame, never languishing, never to be quenched. May every part of me feel the kindly heat, may it expand itself, and burn up every other passion ; that all the dross

of vain and polluted passions and desires being entirely consumed, I may be turned into love, and know no other object of that love but Thee alone, my dearest Saviour.

By that most holy, that most precious blood, which Thou wert content to shed upon the cross for our redemption, grant me, I beseech Thee, the grace of a truly contrite and devout heart at all times; but then especially, when I approach Thy Majesty in prayer, and praises, and thankful commemorations of the mysterious methods of man's redemption, that most stupendous, most conspicuous, and everlasting monument of the Divine mercy; when I (unworthy of so high a privilege,) prostrate myself before Thy altar, and receive that heavenly sacrament, which Thou, my undefiled High-Priest, hast instituted for a memorial and pledge of Thy love, and for the daily repair of those breaches which sin and frailty make upon our souls, by these frequent and lively representations of that death and passion, by virtue whereof alone we are, or can be saved.

While I attend upon these holy mysteries, let my mind, I most humbly pray Thee, be sensibly comforted, and my faith confirmed with the joys of Thy blessed presence. Let me find Thee nigh at hand, and be affected as becomes one who values the honour and happiness of such a union with Thee.

Let my love of Thee be exceedingly strong and ardent, my inward hungerings after Thee be refreshed. For Thou art the Bread of Life. Lord, grant me evermore this nourishment: Thou art the light eternal, never eclipsed, never extinct: O shine in my heart, warm, enlighten, and sanctify me, that I may be a chosen vessel for Thy use, purged from all wicked filth, filled with all grace, and ever preserving that fulness. So shall I spiritually feed upon Thy flesh, and feel my soul effectually sustained in the strength of this heavenly repast; so shall I be nourished unto

life indeed, and living of Thee, and by Thee, at last be conducted to Thee, and for ever rest in Thee.

O banquet of love, let my bowels be refreshed by Thee, my inward part overflowing with the nectar of Thy love, and my soul burst out with zealous expressions of Thy praise continually. Make me to live and grow in Thee, and correct my vitiated palate, that I may truly relish Thy heavenly delights, and lose all taste, all appetite for any other. Thou art the soul of my life, the staff of my hope, the sum and end of all my desires. O do Thou possess my whole heart, preside over every faculty, direct my understanding, exalt my affections, and quench the thirst of my longing soul with those rivers of pleasure which flow at Thy right hand for evermore. Let every fleshly and turbulent desire be awed into silence, and all imaginations of things in heaven, and air, and earth, flee from before Thee. Let every word, and sign, and thought, give way; and even the soul itself stand mute, and be engaged in the contemplation of Thee alone; for Thou art my hope and only trust; and though the vileness of my own condition, and especially the infinite faults and frailties of my life, might shut me out from any hope, that so great and holy a God should admit so polluted a wretch into communion with Him; yet in regard the word of God hath condescended to dwell in my flesh, and unite His divine to our human nature, I can with confidence look up to that powerful Intercessor at Thy right hand, and will not doubt but I shall one day be exalted to the same blessed place, where my flesh and blood does, in Jesus, already sit triumphant. To whom be praise, and glory, and honour, and adoration, and thanksgiving for ever. Amen.—*St. Augustine.*

ASPIRATIONS AFTER FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

1. JESUS, my Saviour and my God, I adore and love Thee as crucified for me and all men.

2. O God the Father, have mercy upon me, and grant me a lively faith, I beseech Thee, through the merits of my Saviour.

3. O God the Son, have mercy upon me, and confirm my hope, I beseech Thee, through Thy precious death.

4. O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon me, and fill my soul with ardent charity, I beseech Thee.

O holy and adorable Trinity, fill me with the fire of heavenly love, that I may love Thee supremely and for ever.

A PRAYER.

BEHOLD, I stand before Thee, poor and naked, calling for grace and imploring mercy. Refresh, O Lord, Thy servant, inflame my coldness with the fire of Thy love, enlighten my blindness with the brightness of Thy Presence. O that with Thy Presence Thou wouldst inflame, burn, and conform me unto Thyself; that I might be made one Spirit with Thee by the grace of inward union, and by the meltings of ardent love. Amen.

4. A LITANY FOR THOSE ABOUT TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

O God the Father, who gavest Thy Son to die, that we might not perish, have mercy upon us, and fit us for the remembrance of His death.

O God the Son, who laid down Thy life for sinners, have mercy upon us, and fit us for Thy table.

O God the Holy Ghost, whose fruits are peace, love, and holiness, have mercy upon us.

O blessed Jesu, the Living Bread, who descended from heaven to give life unto the world; who bestowest Thyself upon us at Thy table for spiritual

food, at Thy death for our ransom, and, at last, in Thy kingdom for our reward;

Have mercy upon us.

O spotless Lamb of God, whose flesh and blood whosoever eateth and drinketh hath eternal life, and dwelleth in Thee, and Thou in Him, and shalt be raised at the last day; Thou, who, before Thy departure from the world, left us a lasting monument of Thy love in the holy Eucharist;

Have mercy, &c.

O Thou Paschal Lamb, eaten by faith in remembrance of our deliverance from the bondage of Satan; the Heavenly Manna, eaten by us in the wilderness of this world whilst travelling towards the heavenly Canaan;

Have mercy, &c.

Be merciful, O Lord Jesus, and spare us.

From the effects of our fallen nature, our sins of ignorance or surprise, from the sins of our past life, and the punishment they deserve,

Be merciful, and spare us.

From the breach of our baptismal vows, holy promises, and resolutions; from the deceits of our own heart, the power of our lusts, the prevalence of temptation, and from all sin,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From receiving this holy sacrament unworthily, and to our condemnation; from all neglect in coming to Thy holy table, and from all profaneness and irreverence whilst waiting upon Thee,

Good Lord, &c.

Give us (and all who receive the same,) such a due sense of the infinite love and sufferings of Thy Son, of the merits of His death and passion, that we may, with all thankfulness, commemorate it in this sacrament, that our faith may be strengthened, our hope confirmed, and our charity quickened,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

That through true repentance we may be brought to a more frequent receiving thereof, so that as the hart panteth after the water-brooks, our souls may thirst after Thee, the living God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That Thou wouldest be pleased to heal our diseased souls, that they may be sustained and satisfied with the fulness of Thy house, so that, in the strength of this heavenly food, we may walk through this wilderness to Thy holy mountain,

We beseech Thee, &c.

That through the worthy receiving of this holy sacrament, we may receive Thee into our hearts with love and fear, that thereby we may obtain pardon of all our sins, and be made one in the peace and love of Christ,

We beseech Thee, &c.

That we may offer up ourselves a living, holy, acceptable sacrifice to Thee our God, and continue in Thy faith and fear unto our lives' end, and at length behold Thee, O Saviour, with open face, in everlasting glory.

O Lamb of God, Son of the Father, have mercy upon us, and save us.

O God, Father Almighty, have mercy upon us.

A PRAYER FOR THE BENEFITS OF CHRIST'S PASSION.

O SWEETEST Jesu, let all my sins be done away through Thy sufferings. Let Thy wounds be a salve for my sin-wounded soul; and by Thy stripes be healed of all her distempers. Let Thy bonds discharge that bond of malediction and woe wherein my sins have enwrapped my soul; and let my obligation to punishment be cancelled by Thy cross. Let Thy pains deliver me from the pains of hell; and Thy labours procure my rest with the saints in heaven. Let Thy captivity be my redemption, Thy humilia-

tion my exaltation, Thy cross my crown, and Thy death, life for evermore. And grant, O Lord, that we may boldly, and without blame, with a pure heart, and contrite mind, without shame and confusion, and with sanctified lips, presume to call upon Thee our God and heavenly Father, and say,

Our Father, &c. Amen.—*Sherlock.*

II.—A PRAYER FOR ALL WHO ARE ABOUT TO COMMUNICATE.

O God, who hast so loved us, and given us the right of adoption of sons, so that we should be called the sons of God, and heirs of Thee, O Father, and joint-heirs of Thy Christ; incline Thine ear, O Lord, and hear us, who bow down our heads to Thee, and purify our inward man, even as Thine only-begotten Son is pure. Let fornication, and all unclean thoughts, be far from us, in the name of God, who was born of a virgin. Let pride and high-mindedness be driven away by Him who humbled Himself; cowardice, by Him who suffered in the flesh and triumphed over the cross; let vain-glory be mortified by Him who was beaten and scourged, and turned not away His face from them who despitefully spit upon Him. Let the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, take from us all envy, dissension, and hatred; let anger and wrath be removed from us by Him who put to shame our enemy, the devil, at His crucifixion, and blotted out the hand-writing of our iniquities. Take from us all earthly thoughts through Him who has taken us up with Himself into heaven, that being pure, we communicate of this most pure sacrament; and being thoroughly sanctified in body, soul, and spirit, we may render glory to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Liturgy—Antioch.*

DEVOTIONS AT THE TIME OF COMMUNICATING.*

[*Let the following be repeated whilst the priest is preparing.*]

LET all corruptible flesh be silent, and stand with fear and trembling, and think within itself nothing that is earthly, nothing that is unholy. The King of kings, the Lord of lords, Christ our God, comes down from heaven unto us, and gives Himself to be meat for the souls of all faithful people. All the glorious companies of angels behold this and wonder, and love and worship Jesus. Every throne and dominion, the cherubims with many eyes, and the seraphims with many wings, cover their faces before the majesty of His glory, and sing a perpetual song; Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Glory be to God on high; and in earth peace; goodwill towards men. Hallelujah.

[*At the Consecration, say :*]

O BLESSED Jesus, in the bread broken I behold, with *the eye of faith*, Thy Body torn with whips, and thorns, and nails; and in the wine poured out, Thy precious Blood shed for my sins. Glory be to Thee, O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

Lord, have mercy on us, and take away our sins.

[*Whilst others are communicating.*]

By Thy crucified body, O Christ, deliver us from this body of sin and death; and by Thy life-giving blood purge our consciences from dead works, to serve Thee the living God.

Grant, O Lord my God; that we may (all) receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, to obtain the remission of all our sins, and to be replenished with Thy Holy Spirit, who livest and reignest, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God over all, blessed for ever, Amen.

* It is hoped that these devotions will not interfere with the use of the Communion Office of the Church, as they are only designed to quicken devout affections.

[*When the Priest approaches.*]

THIS is Thy Body, O blessed Saviour Jesus, and this is Thy Blood. My Lord had the smart, but we the ease; His were the sufferings, but ours the mercy; He felt the stripes, but from thence a holy balm did flow upon us; He felt the thorns, but we shall have the crown. Holy Jesus—Blessed be God. Come, Holy Jesus, come and take possession of our souls; purify them with Thy precious Body and Blood; empty them of all filthiness of flesh and spirit; that they being fitted for Thy habitation, it may please Thee to abide with us for ever.

[*After receiving the consecrated bread.*]

MAY this bread be to my soul the staff of strength, whereby I may vanquish all the assaults of the Devil, the world, and the flesh, and continue Thy faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end. O that I may now feel its efficacy, quickening and inflaming my soul with the heavenly ardour of Divine love, having all my affections on things above.

[*After the cup.*]

O THAT this precious Blood of my dear Redeemer may be now both the purification and nourishment of my soul, the seal of my pardon and peace with God, and the pledge of my inheritance in heaven.

[*After both.*]

GRANT, Holy Jesus, that as I have now received in faith Thy precious Body and Blood, veiled under the species of bread and wine, I may hereafter behold Thy blessed face unveiled in heaven, to eat and drink with Thy holy angels and saints in their mansions of bliss; where they are satisfied with the fulness of

the most ravishing delights in the beatifical vision of the thrice-blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; of whom, and through whom, and in whom are all things, and to whom be all glory for ever. Amen.

GLORY be to Thee, for thus feeding my soul with Thy most blessed Body and Blood: O let them transfuse new life into me, and all who communicate with me; that our faith may daily increase; that we may love, serve, and delight, and praise Thee more fervently, more incessantly than ever we have done heretofore. Amen. Amen. Amen.

THANKSGIVING.

WHAT thanks, gracious Lord, can I render Thee, for these wonders of Thy love to me, a wretched sinner? O blessed Saviour, raise Thou my devotion to the highest pitch it can possibly reach, to praise Thee: enlarge my soul to love Thee.

Rejoice in the Lord Jesus, O my soul; for of Him cometh salvation. Glory be to Thee, O Lord God, for this blessed opportunity of receiving this holy Sacrament; O grant I may never more pollute my soul, which Thou, who art the God of purity, hast now made Thy temple. O gracious Lord, pardon all my failings, accept all my prayers and praises, and supply all my wants, which I sum up in Thy own blessed words—

Our Father, &c.

AN ACT OF PRAISE TO BE SAID BY ALL PRESENT.

GLORY be to the Father of mercies; the Father of men and angels; the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Glory be to the most holy and eternal Son of God; the blessed Saviour and Redeemer of the world; the Advocate of sinners; the Prince of peace;

the Head of the Church; and the Deliverer of all that call upon Thee.

Glory be to Thee, the holy and eternal Spirit of God, that searchest all things: the Comforter: the sanctifying and life-giving Spirit.

All glory, and honour, and thanksgiving, and power, all love and obedience be to the blessed and undivided Trinity: One Eternal God.

It is meet and right to worship the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the consubstantial undivided Trinity.

It is, indeed, most just, righteous, and fitting to praise and to glorify, to worship and adore, to give thanks and to magnify Thee, the great Maker of all creatures, visible and invisible; the treasure of all good, temporal and eternal; the fountain of all life, mortal and immortal; the Lord and God of all things in heaven and earth. The heavens, and the heaven of heavens, and every power therein; the sun and the moon, and all the stars of the sky; the sea and the earth, the heights above and the depths below; Jerusalem that is from above, the congregation celestial, the church of the first-born written in heaven, the spirits of the prophets and of just men made perfect, the souls of Apostles and all holy martyrs, angels and archangels, thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, the spirits of understanding, and the spirits of love, with never-ceasing hymns, and perpetual anthems, with a loud voice, sing, proclaim, cry out, and say,—Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!

The heavens declare Thy glory; the earth confesseth Thy providence; the sea manifests Thy power. And every spirit, and every understanding creature, celebrates Thy greatness for ever and ever.

With these blessed powers, O Lord, Thou lover of

mankind, cry out, and say, Holy art Thou, most holy Thou, Thine only-begotten Son and Holy Spirit. Holy art Thou, most holy and great is Thy glory; who didst so love the world, that Thou gavest Thine only-begotten Son, that every man who believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Grant unto us all Thy mercy and loving-kindness. And grant that we may, with one mouth and one heart, praise and glorify thy great and glorious name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now, henceforth, and ever. Amen.

III.—A GENERAL INTERCESSION.

I BESEECH Thee, O Lord, to be mindful of Thy holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, which is spread over the whole earth; fill it with truth and grace; where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where it is right, confirm it; heal the breaches of it, O Thou Holy One of Israel, forasmuch as it was purchased with the precious blood of Thy Christ.

Remember, O Lord, all orthodox bishops, (*especially* —); also all Presbyters and Deacons rightly dividing the word of truth, (*especially* —.) Endue them with purity of life, and preserve their ministry unreprouvable. Root out idolatry from the world. Heal the schisms in Thy Church; abate the rage of the heathen, and put a stop to growing heresies, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit. Beat down Satan under our feet. Humble the enemies of Thy Church, and confound all their devices, which they have imagined against us. Arise, O Lord, let Thine enemies be scattered; let them be turned back, and put to confusion, who hate Thy holy Name; but to Thy faithful people, which

do Thy will, give thousand thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand blessings.

Remember, O Lord, those in Thy holy Church who bring forth good fruits, are rich in good works, and forget not the poor; reward them with the abundant riches of Thy heavenly grace; for their earthly things give them heavenly,—for their temporal, eternal,—for their corruptible, those which will not decay.

O King of kings, Lord of lords, defend Thy servant our Queen, and all the Royal family (*by name*), and all in authority,—our princes, nobles, privy council, senators, judges, commanders, and soldiers. Preserve, also, all Christian kings, that they may rule in peace, righteousness, and equity.

Relieve those who are in prison, or in the mines, or in the galleys; under condemnation, in exile, or slavery. Be mindful, O Lord, of those who are in deserts, mountains, caves, and dens of the earth; deliver them all, O Lord, for Thou art our God, who loosest those in bonds, and raisest up those who are oppressed; the Hope of the hopeless; the Helper of the helpless; the Lifter up of those that fall; the Avenger of the injured.

Give Thy pity, pardon, and refreshment to every Christian soul, whether in affliction, or in error. And, O Lord, Thou Physician of soul and body, heal all our infirmities, both of soul and body: O Thou who art the Overseer of all flesh, watch over us, and heal us by Thy saving health.

Be Thou a Guide, at all times, and in all places, to our brethren who are travelling, or about to travel, by land or by water; bring them all to a quiet and safe port; be with them in their voyages, and on their roads; restore them to their friends, and let them receive each other in joy and health. Preserve us, also, O Lord, in our pilgrimage through this life, from hurt and danger.

Preserve our families in peace and concord; bless

those who live together in honourable wedlock, and all women labouring of child; cherish our infants, instruct our youth; sustain the aged, protect the widow, the poor, and the fatherless; comfort the feeble-minded; be mindful of the hungry, naked, houseless, and crippled; bring back those that are gone astray; give light to them that are in darkness; raise up the fallen, fix the unstable; direct all, O God, into the way of salvation, and unite them to Thy holy catholic and apostolic Church. Bless our schools and universities.

Send rain out of Thy treasures upon those places which stand in need of it; renew and make glad the face of the earth by its descent, that it may rejoice in the drops thereof: water its furrows, and increase its produce. Bless, O Lord, the fruits of the earth, and preserve them incorrupt for our use. Crown the year with Thy goodness, for the sake of the poor, the widow, the fatherless, and the stranger; and for those who put their trust in, and call upon Thy holy Name. Prosper and bless our physicians and lawyers, husbandmen, herdsman, fishermen, merchants, tradesmen, and mechanics, even to the poor labourer and the beggar. Fill our hearts with food and gladness; and give us always what is sufficient for the relief of our necessities, that we may abound in every good work, and do Thy holy will, through Jesus Christ.

Remember those who love, and those who hate us; those who have done or wished us any good or evil. All our friends, relations, benefactors: those whom we have named, or not named.

Deliver, O Lord, this kingdom and city wherein we live, from plague, pestilence, famine, earthquake, deluge, fire, sword, and from all evils.

Visit, O Lord, and heal those who are sick, (*especially —, here mention sick friends,*) according to Thy pity and compassion; turn from them and us, (if it be Thy holy will) all sickness and diseases: restore

them to, and confirm them in, their strength. Raise up those who have lingered under long and tedious indispositions. Succour those who are vexed with unclean spirits. And especially we commend unto Thee all those departing this life; be present to them, in Thy mercy and Thy love, in that last hour when flesh and heart do fail; and give unto them, we beseech Thee, such patient hope and confidence, that they may joyfully commit their spirits into Thine hands. To Thee, O Lord, do we commend them, and pray Thee to have mercy upon them, and receive them to Thy rest.

Finally, O Lord, direct our lives in peace, that our death may be christian and acceptable to Thee; and if it be Thy pleasure, free from pain. Gather us under the feet of Thine elect, when Thou wilt, and as Thou wilt, without sin or shame. And grant that we may find mercy and favour with all Thy saints, who, from righteous Abel, have pleased Thee in their generations, even with our fathers and forefathers; with the patriarchs and prophets, apostles, martyrs, and confessors; teachers and saints; and every just spirit departed in the faith of Thy Christ. Hear, O Lord, and answer us, for the sake, and through the merits, of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.—
From Liturgy of St. Mark, and Bp. Andrewes.

Thanksgivings.

(PROPER PSALMS, VIII. XXX. XXXIV. CIII. CXI.
CXXXVIII. CXLV.)

A THANKSGIVING TO THE HOLY TRINITY.

WORTHY art Thou, O Lord of heaven and earth, to receive glory, honour, and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created. Thou hast made heaven and the heaven of heavens, with all their hosts, the earth and all things that are therein; and the host of heaven praiseth Thee. Glory be to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, for creating man after Thine own image, and making so great a variety of creatures to minister to his use. Glory be to Thee, O Heavenly Father, for my being and preservation, health and strength, understanding, memory, friends, and benefactors, and for all my abilities of mind and body. Glory be to Thee for my competent livelihood, for the advantages of my education, for all my known or unobserved deliverances, and for the guard Thy holy angels keep over me: but, above all, Glory be to Thee for giving Thy Son to die for our sins, and for all the spiritual blessings He hath purchased for us; for my Baptism, and all the opportunities Thou givest me of serving Thee, and of receiving the holy Eucharist; for whatever sin I have escaped, for whatever good I have done, or thought; for all my helps of grace, and hopes of heaven, glory be to Thee. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His holy Name.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, the only-begotten Son,

Jesus Christ; glory be to Thee, O Lamb of God, for Thine inexpressible love to lost mankind; for undertaking the wonderful work of our redemption; for rescuing us from the slavery of sin, and dominion of the devil, descending from heaven, and putting on the form of a servant. Glory be to Thee, for the heavenly doctrines Thou didst preach for our instruction, the great miracles Thou didst work for our conviction, and Thy unblamable example to be our rule and guide. Glory be to Thee for Thine agony and bloody sweat; for all the torments and anguish of Thy bitter passion; for Thy precious death and burial; for Thy glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven; and Thy intercession for us at the right hand of the Father. O gracious Lord, who hast done so much for me, how can I ever sufficiently praise and love Thee? Praise thy Redeemer, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise His holy Name.

Glory be to Thee, O blessed Spirit, glory be to Thee for all the miraculous gifts and graces Thou didst bestow upon the Apostles, to fit them to convert the world; for inspiring the sacred Penmen of Holy Scripture; and for bringing the joyful tidings of the Gospel of peace to this land of my nativity. Glory be to Thee for those ordinary gifts, whereby Christians, in all ages, are enabled to work out their salvation, and for subduing our understandings and affections to the obedience of faith and godliness. Glory be to Thee for inspiring my soul with holy thoughts, and kindling in it pious desires; for all the ghostly strength and support, comfort and illumination, I receive from Thee; for all Thy preventing, restraining, and sanctifying grace, glory be to Thee. O blessed Spirit, let me never more by my sins grieve Thee, who art the Giver of life and joy to me. Praise the Blessed Comforter, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise His holy Name.

Blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise,

more than I can utter, more than I can conceive, be unto Thee, O most adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, from all Angels, all men, and all creatures, for ever and ever. Amen.—*Bp. Ken.*

A THANKSGIVING AFTER RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

O LORD, who hast chastened and corrected me, but not given me over unto death, and so wrought for Thy name's sake, that I am now alive to praise Thee; O teach me to declare Thy works, and from day to day to tell of Thy salvation; that I may daily honour Thy Name, and preserve Thy goodness in everlasting remembrance, that has raised me up from the gates of death, and once more restored the voice of joy and health to my dwelling. O kindle in my soul the most sincere and holy love. Raise my heart to the highest pitch of gratitude; and, whilst I have my being, teach me to praise Thee with joyful lips. O let Thy loving correction make me great in Thy favour, and teach me never more to sleep in security and sin. O let it be good for me that I have been afflicted, by teaching me from thence to learn that my days are but as a shadow, and my years as nothing, and in my best estate I am altogether vanity. That I may wait all the days of my appointed time till my change shall come; and be ready at what hour my Lord shall call. That Thy scourge may prepare me for Thy love, and Thy correction fit me to be received into Thy arms. Teach me to abhor my own iniquities, and raise my affections beyond the vanities of this world, that I may love Thee above all things, and my neighbour as myself. Let Thy angels keep me in all Thy ways, that, whatever I do, I may do all to Thy glory. O let grace increase with my strength. Let my delight be in Thy law, that I may be exemplary in my life before men, that living, I may live in Thy

fear, and dying, I may die in Thy favour, and rest for ever in the felicities of Thy chosen, through Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.—*Inett.*

A FORM OF THANKSGIVING, WITH AN ENUMERATION
OF GOD'S BLESSINGS.

[*This may be used at any time, but especially on a Birth-day, &c. or at Easter, Whitsuntide, &c.*]

MOST glorious Lord God, infinite in mercy, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great goodness; I adore, and praise, and glorify Thy holy Name, worshipping Thee with the lowliest devotions of my soul and body, and give Thee thanks for all the benefits Thou hast done unto me; for whatsoever I am, or have, or know, or desire, as I ought, it is all from Thee: Thou art the Fountain of being and blessing, of sanctity and pardon, of life and glory.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His holy Name.

Thou, O God, of Thine infinite goodness, hast created me of nothing, and hast given me a degree of essence next to angels, imprinting Thine image upon me, enduing me with the faculties of will and understanding, to know and choose good, and to refuse evil, and hast put me into a capacity of a blessed immortality.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify His Name together.

Thou, O God, of Thy glorious mercies, hast caused me to be born of Christian parents, and hast given me a comely body, a good understanding, straight limbs, a cheerful spirit; and gavest me the opportunity of holy Baptism, and hast ever since blessed me with education, a good reputation (*a faithful wife, or husband, and hopeful children*) and with many friends.

Thy way, O God, is holy; who is so great a God as our God?

Thou, O God, out of Thine abundant kindness, hast made variety of creatures to minister to my use, to serve my necessity, to preserve and restore my health, to be representations of Thy power and mercy.

Unto Thee, O God, will I pay my vows ; unto Thee will I give thanks.

Thou, O God, of Thine admirable and glorious mercy, hast made Thine angels ministering spirits for my protection and defence against all the hostilities of the devil ; Thou hast set such a guard about me as all the powers of hell and earth cannot overcome ; Thou hast preserved me by Thy holy Providence, and the ministry of angels, from drowning, from burning, from accidents, from lightning, (pestilential diseases,) murder, robbery, and from all the spirits of darkness, and from many evils with which many of Thy dearest saints and servants are afflicted.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.

Thou, O most merciful God, hast fed me and clothed me, hast raised me up friends and blessed them, hast preserved me in dangers, and hast been my guide in my journeys, my comfort in sadness, my hope and confidence in all my griefs and desolations.

O give thanks unto the Lord of lords ; for His mercy endureth for ever.

But above all Thy mercies, it was not less than infinite, whereby Thou lovedst me and all mankind, when we were lost and dead, and rebels against Thy Divine Majesty ; Thou gavest Thine only-begotten Son to seek us, to restore us to life, when we were dead in trespasses and sins, and to reconcile us to Thyself by the mercies and the atonement of an everlasting covenant.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation : God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

O most blessed Jesus, I praise and adore Thine infinite mercies, humility, and condescension, that for my sake Thou didst descend from the bosom of Thy heavenly Father to be born of a holy Virgin, to take on Thee our nature.

Lord, what is man, that Thou art mindful of him,
and the son of man, that Thou so regardest him?

I adore Thee, blessed Jesus, and praise Thee for Thine immaculate sanctity, for all Thy holy precepts and counsels, for Thy divine example, for Thy miracles and mysterious revelations of Thy Father's will, for the institution of the holy sacraments, and all other blessings of Thy Prophetical office.

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious ;
sing praises unto His Name, for it is lovely.

I adore and love Thee, most blessed Jesu, for being betrayed and accused, buffeted and spit upon, blind-folded and mocked, crowned with thorns and scourged, for Thine agony and bloody sweat, for bearing the cross, and the load of our sins, for Thy crucifixion three long hours, when the weight of Thy body was supported with wounds and nails, for Thy death and burial, for Thy continual intercession and advocacy with Thy heavenly Father in behalf of me and all Thy holy Church, and all other acts of mediation and redemption, the blessings of Thy Priestly office.

O praise the Lord for His goodness ; and declare
the wonders He hath done for the children of
men.

I adore and magnify Thy holy Name, O most blessed Jesu, for Thy triumph over death, hell, sin, and the grave, for Thy opening the kingdom of heaven to all believers, for Thy glorious resurrection and ascension, for Thy government over all Thy creatures, for the advancement of Thy holy kingdom, for Thy continual resisting and defeating the intentions of the enemies of Thy Church, by the strength of Thine arm, by the mightiness of Thy power, by

the glories of Thy wisdom, for those blessed promises Thou hast made, and performest, to Thy Church, of sending the Holy Ghost, and giving her perpetuity of being, in defiance of all the gates and powers of hell and darkness, and blessing her with continual assistance, and all other glories of Thy regal office and power.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God ; O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth ; sing ye praises with understanding.

O most Holy Spirit, Love of the Father, Fountain of grace, Spring of all spiritual blessings, I adore and praise Thy Divine excellences, which are essential to Thy glorious Self, in the unity of the most mysterious Trinity, and which Thou communicatest to all faithful people, and to me Thy unworthy servant, in the unity of the Catholic Church.

O magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before His footstool : for He is holy.

O blessed Spirit, I praise and magnify Thy name for Thy miraculous descent upon the apostles, and falling down upon us all in the descent of all ages of the Church, for confirmation of our faith, for propagation of the Gospel, for edification of Thy family.

Thou, O God, shalt endure for ever, and Thy remembrance throughout all generations.

O most glorious Spirit, I praise and magnify Thy Name for the inspiration of prophets and apostles, for Thy providence and mercy in causing Holy Scriptures to be written, and preserving them from the corruptions of heretics, from the violence of pagans, and enemies of the Cross of Christ.

I will always give thanks unto the Lord : His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I bless Thy name for those holy promises and threatenings, those judgments and mercies, those holy precepts and admonitions, which Thou hast registered

in the Scriptures, and in the records and monuments of the Church ; for all those graces, helps, and comforts, whereby Thou promotest me in piety ; for baptismal and penitential grace ; for the opportunities and sweet refreshings of the Eucharist. For all the advantages Thou hast given me of good society, tutors, governors ; for the fears Thou hast produced in me as impediments of sin ; for all my hopes of pardon, and expectation of promises made by our Lord Jesus Christ, to encourage me in the paths of life and sanctity ; for all the holy sermons, spiritual books, and lessons ; for all the good prayers and meditations ; for those blessed waitings and knockings at the door of my heart ; patiently tarrying for, and lovingly inviting me to repentance, without ceasing, admonishing and reproving me with the checks of conscience : and for whatsoever other means or incentives of holiness Thou hast assisted me withal.

I magnify, and praise, and adore Thee and Thy goodness. All nations, whom Thou hast made and sanctified, shall come and worship Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name ; for Thou art great, and doest wondrous things ; Thou art God alone ; and great is Thy mercy towards me ; Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell. O my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever, with cherubims and seraphims, and all the companies of the heavenly host, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth ; holy is our God, holy is the Immortal, holy is the Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to whom be all honour, and glory, and dominion, and power, ascribed by all spirits, and all men, and all creatures, now and for evermore. Amen.—*Bp. Taylor.*

A THANKSGIVING ON THE ANNIVERSARY-DAY OF
OUR BAPTISM.

O LORD, heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thine infinite goodness towards me,

when I was born in sin, and was no other than an heir of everlasting wrath, didst vouchsafe that I should, as upon this day, be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, in the blessed laver of baptism, being thereby made a member of Christ, and an heir of eternal life; for this thine inestimable favour I do here gratefully commemorate that happy day, and in most humble and hearty will, I do extol the abundant riches of Thy glorious grace, in Thy sight, and in the sight of Thy holy angels, with all the company of heaven, renewing that sacred vow which was then made in my name, to forsake this wicked world, and to live, as a Christian ought to do, in obedience to Thy holy faith and commandments; most humbly beseeching Thee, of Thy great mercy, to pardon me all former breaches of my solemn promise, and to endue me with the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that henceforth I may walk in newness of life, worthy of that blessed estate whereunto Thou hast called me: and keeping myself unspotted of the world, the flesh, and the devil, I may die daily unto sin, for which cause I was baptized into the death of Christ; and as I have had my part this day in the first regeneration, so I may at the last day have my part in the second and great regeneration of the world, to live and reign with Thee for ever, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Bp. Cosins.*

A THANKSGIVING FOR ANY SPECIAL BLESSING.

O LORD God, Father of mercies, Fountain of comfort and blessing, of life and peace, of plenty and pardon, who fillest heaven with Thy glory, and earth with Thy goodness, I give Thee most humble and hearty thanks, that Thou hast refreshed me with Thy comfort, and enlarged me with Thy blessing;—for besides the blessings of nature and of grace, the support of every minute, and the comforts of every day, Thou hast opened Thine hand, and poured out

at this time, Thy loving-kindness upon me Thy unworthy servant, in (*here name the particular blessing.*) Thou, Lord, hast not only spared me when I deserved punishment, but hast blessed me by this and many other special acts of grace and favour. O fill my heart with thankfulness, and my mouth with praise, that my returns of love and duty may bear some proportion to Thy marvellous lovingkindness and mercy; and grant me grace to improve all Thy blessings to the ends for which they are bestowed, even to the setting forth Thy glory, and the salvation of my soul, and the good of others, through the merits and mediation of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Occasional Prayers.

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND STATE.

O LORD God, who dwellest not in temples made with hands, and yet hast been pleased to manifest Thy Presence by special blessings and assistances, in places set apart for Thy worship; be pleased to hear our prayers, and accept our services, whenever we make our addresses to Thee in the house of prayer, and fall down low on our knees before Thy footstool. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Thy saints sing with joyfulness; and let all those that make their approaches unto Thee, purify their hearts and hands, that they may offer to Thee a pure sacrifice, even the sacrifice of obedience and holiness. Bless, O Lord, Thy servant the Queen; make her horn to flourish, and be exalted above all her enemies; and let Thy Word be a lantern for Thine anointed, to show her Thy holy will and pleasure; that she seeking Thy honour and glory, Thy Church may flourish under the covert of her shield, her victuals may be blessed with increase, her poor satisfied with bread, her priests decked with health, her saints with joy, and (the Queen) with honour and great renown and a flourishing diadem. Grant this, O blessed God, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.—*Bp. Taylor.*

FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

O LORD our King, who art girded with strength, and hast prepared Thy seat from everlasting, establish Thy testimonies in our hearts, as a sure foundation of

temporal and eternal happiness. O let Thy mercy descend upon Thy house, the holy Catholic Church, Eastern, Western, and British; preserve her in truth, peace, and holiness, in unity and safety, in all storms, and against all temptations and enemies. And, although the floods of persecution and secular disadvantages have lift up their waves to overthrow her, yet make her to stand firm and sure against all the malice of hell and earth, and all the powers of both; that she, offering to Thy glory the never-ceasing sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, may advance the honour of her Lord, and be filled with His Spirit, and partake of His glory; for Thou, O Lord, art mightier than all her enemies. And to Thee be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR UNITY.

O BLESSED Jesu, in whose garment was variety, but no rent or seam, have mercy upon Thy holy catholic Church, and all christian kingdoms and families; and so unite all our hearts and affections by the union of faith and charity, that we be not torn into factions and schisms, but, being anointed with the precious ointment, even the anointing of Thy Spirit from above, we may keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. And grant that this holy anointing may so knit together the guides of Thy Church, the rulers of kingdoms, the princes of the nations, that the blessings of it may descend to the skirts of the people, and that Thou mayest bless us with Thy graces here and hereafter. Give us life for evermore, in the participation of Thy glorious kingdom, where Thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.—*Bp. Taylor.*

A PRAYER FOR DISSENTERS.

O MOST holy Father, who in Thy wisdom didst foresee that an enemy should sow tares in Thy field,

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and divisions come; and yet in Thy justice hast pronounced a woe against them by whom offences come; have pity and compassion upon the poor misguided people in these kingdoms; forgive all they have hitherto done amiss; and for the future open their eyes, that they may see the ways of truth and peace. Take from them all prejudice and passion, all wilfulness and carnal ends; and so direct and guide those Thou hast appointed to watch over their souls, that, by their piety and prudence, their patience and tenderness, they may be brought into the bosom of the Church, and we may be joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment, and all, as one man, unite to stem the tide of irreligion and profaneness; and so live together in peace and piety, that, as we have but one faith, and one Lord, so we may have but one heart, and one way; and at last obtain the end of the same common hope—the salvation of our souls; and all for His sake, who is the Prince of Peace, and Great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.—*Inett.*

A HUMBLE CONFESSION OF SIN, WITH SUPPLICATION
FOR PARDON.

I CONFESS, O Lord, that I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin did my mother conceive me. (Psalm li. 5.) That I am a root of bitterness, and a child of wrath. (Eph. ii. 3.) That my heart is rebellious, like a starting bow. (Hos. vii. 16.) That I am of polluted lips. (Isa. vi. 5.) That my tongue talketh vanity. (Psalm cxliv. 11.) That mine eyes are evil, prone to lust. That my ears are uncircumcised, and like the deaf adder. (Psalm lviii. 4.) That my hands are slow to good. That my feet are swift to evil. I have sinned against Thee, O Lord, and in Thy sight, not fearing Thy Majesty. My sins are great, (Psalm xxv. 11;) of long continuance—from my mother's breasts. (Psalm xxxviii. 9.) Deep, heavy, like a burden. (Hos.

ix. 9.) Stretching to the heaven with their cry. (Jer. xxx. 14, 15.) Many in number, like the stars. More than the hairs of my head. (Psalm xl. 12.) As red as scarlet and crimson. (Isa. i. 18.) I am sold under sin.

In quality. The worst of sins, strong like cart-ropes. (Isa. v. 18.) Gaining nothing thereby. (Rom. vi. 21.) Committing sin with greediness, not being ashamed knowing it to be sin. Therefore, O Lord, because Thou art just, and Thy judgments true; I reap the fruit of my foolishness. (Psalm cxix. 137.) My days are consumed in vanity, and my years in the bitterness of my soul. (Psalm cii. 3; Job vii. 11.) And now there is no health in my flesh, because of Thy displeasure: neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin. (Psalm xxxviii. 3.) My heart trembleth, also, with remembrance of Thy judgments. I feel bitterness above the bitterness of death, in that I have forsaken Thee, O God; and that Thou hast forsaken me. I have roared for the disquietness of my heart. (Psalm xxxviii. 8.) And what shall I now say, or wherein shall I open my mouth? What shall I answer, seeing I have done these things? This only remaineth, this is my last refuge, that I direct mine eyes to Thee. Out of the deep have I called to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. If Thou, Lord, shouldest be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? (Psalm cxxx. 1—3.) Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. Wherefore, O Lord, I appeal from Thee to Thee: from Thee a just Judge, to Thee a merciful Father. From the throne of Thy justice to the seat of Thy mercy. O Lord, be pleased to admit of this appeal. If Thou do not, I perish.

I. I am Thine, O save me. (Psalm cxix. 94; cxxxviii. 8.) Despise not the work of Thy hands, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made. I am Thy servant,

the son of Thine handmaid. (Psalm cxvi. 16.) Thy name is called on by us. Thou art not ashamed to be called our God. (Heb. xi. 16.) I am the price of Thy Son's blood. O spare Thy workmanship, Thy child. Remember that I am but dust. (Psalm ciii. 4.)

II. Behold, O Lord, though I have sinned, yet I humble myself under Thy mighty hand. (1 Pet. v. 6.) Spare the humble and contrite. Thou forgavest Ahab who had sold himself to sin, when he humbled himself. (1 Kings xxi. 29.) Spare me, also, O Lord, I beseech Thee. Accept, O Lord, the sacrifice of a troubled spirit, a contrite heart, a wounded conscience; though I have sinned against Thee.

III. It hath ever been Thy practice to be merciful. Our fathers trusted in Thee; they trusted and were not confounded. (Psalm xxii. 4.) Look at the generations of old, and see, did ever any trust in the Lord and was confounded, or whom did He ever despise that called upon Him?

IV. It is due by Thy promise. Remember Thy word unto Thy servant; upon which Thou hast caused me to hope. (Psalm cxix. 49.) Let Thy mercy come unto me, O Lord; even Thy salvation, according to Thy word. (Psalm xli.) God hath promised, which cannot lie. (Tit. i. 2; Heb. vi. 17.)

V. Thy mercies, O Lord, are sweet. Better than life. (Psalm lxiii. 4.) Tender. (Luke i. 78.) Superabundant. (1 Tim. i. 14.) Infinite, wonderful. (Psalm xvii. 7; ciii. 12.) Great. High above the heavens. (xxxvi. 5; cviii. 4.) Eternal, compassing, pardoning. (ciii. 13.)

THOU ART THE FATHER OF MERCIES.

I. Thou art patient, and slow to anger. Sparing Thy people forty years. (Psalm xcv. 10.) It is Thy mercy that we are not consumed. (Lam. iii. 22.)

II. Gentle in correcting, insomuch as Thy justice is not without mercy.

I will visit their offences with the rod and their sins with scourges (Psalm lxxxix. 32); nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him. He hath not dealt with us after our sins. (Psalm ciii. 10.)

III. Placable, and easy to be pacified. He will not always be chiding, neither keepeth He His anger for ever. (Psalm ciii. 9.) His wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye. (Psalm xxx. 5.) In anger He remembereth mercy. (Hab. iii. 2.) The Lord waiteth to be gracious. (Isaiah xxx. 18.)

IV. Compassionate. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy (Psalm cxlv. 8.)

V. Not only ready to forgive, but profuse in mercy. With Thee is plenteous redemption. (Psalm cxxx. 7.)

VI. Thy pardon extendeth not only to small, but great sins and sinners, such as David, Peter, Paul, the adulteress, the thief on the cross, Mary Magdalene. (Luke xxii. 61; 1 Tim. i. 13; John viii. 11; Luke xxiii. 43.)

VII. But all these are recapitulated and summed up in Christ Jesus. In whom He hath given us great and precious promises. (Luke vii. 78.) And in whom all the promises of God are yea, and Amen. (2 Pet. i. 4; 2 Cor. i. 20.)

Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me; O Christ, hear me! Intercede for me. Make Thy Father propitious to me. Say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation.

Let not Thy Apostles comfort me in vain. (1 Tim. i. 15; Rom. v. 10; 1 Pet. iii. 18; 1 John ii. 1, 2.) Let not Thine own words be spoken in vain. (Matt. xi. 28; Luke v. 32.)

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Which be pleased to grant, for Thy great and

many mercies ; Thy name's sake ; Thy promise sake ; the glory of Thy name—Even for Thy Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.—*Bp. Andrewes.*

See Collects 12th, 21st, and 24th Sunday after Trinity.

A RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT.

O MOST glorious God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for ever ; in all humility of soul and body I cast myself down at Thy footstool, beseeching Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, to accept of my most hearty thanks for the great privilege of Christian parents, and being by them dedicated to Thy worship and service, according to our blessed Saviour's institution, in the holy Sacrament of Baptism ; wherewith that most gracious covenant, which Thou hast most wonderfully condescended to make with the sinful sons of men, through Jesus Christ, was, in a most solemn manner, sealed unto me, and by me ; the promise and vow which was then made to Thee, O God, in my name I do now unfeignedly acknowledge myself bound to believe, and to do all that was then promised for me ; and by Thy help, which I most earnestly beseech Thee to grant me, so I will. Good Lord, pardon my negligence hitherto in learning my duty, and all the sins whereof I have been guilty since I was baptized to this very moment ; and graciously accept of me, thus in my own person renewing that promise and vow, which was then made by others in my behalf.

I do here, O Lord, in Thy presence, who art the great Searcher of hearts, and from whom no secrets are hid, most freely, fully, and resolvedly, from henceforward for evermore, repent of and renounce all sin, and will, to the utmost of the power which thou givest me, resist all the temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh, so that I will not willingly follow, nor

be led by them. I do stedfastly believe, and will by Thy help continue in the belief of all the articles of the Christian faith: and I am resolved, through the help of Thy grace, without which I can do nothing, to keep Thy holy will and commandments in all sincerity and godly simplicity of heart, and to persevere, walking in the same all the days of my life. I will diligently use all the means of grace; and I humbly beseech Thee, gracious God, to enlighten and strengthen me by Thy Holy Spirit to perform this my vow and covenant unto the end. Preserve me a living and sound member of Christ, a dutiful and dear child of God, and an heir, through faith in Christ, of the kingdom of heaven; that, through Thy mercy, O God the Father, and Thy merits and intercession, O God the Son, and Thy guidance and sanctification, O God the Holy Ghost, I may in Thy good time obtain the end of my faith, even the salvation of my soul, to the glory of Thy grace. Amen, good Lord; so let it be I most humbly beseech Thee.—*Ellis*.

PRAYERS FOR THE BENEFITS OF BAPTISM.

1. ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.—*Collect for Christmas-day*.

2. GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we pass to our joyful resurrection;

for His merits who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
—*Collect for Easter Eve.*

FOR REPENTANCE.

I KNOW, O dearest Lord, that I am thine no longer than I love Thee: I can no longer feel the saving efficacy of my Baptism, than I am faithful to my vow I there made; no longer than I am a penitent, no longer am I a Christian. If I name the name of Christ, I am to depart from iniquity. Oh, do Thou give me the grace of true repentance for all my sins, for my original impurity, and for all my actual transgressions, that I may abhor and forsake them all: wound my soul with a most affectionate sorrow for all the injuries, and affronts, and dishonours, I have offered to infinite love. Amen.—*Bp. Ken.*

ANOTHER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Lord God, who, by the infirmities of this life, dost put us in mind of our mortality, and by these outward afflictions dost call us to inward repentance; I cry unto Thee with my whole heart. Rebuke me not in Thine anger, neither chasten me in Thy displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed. Thou art He, O Lord, that woundest and healest again, that killest and revivest, that ledest to the gates of hell, and bringest back again. If this my sickness, O Lord, be not unto death, help, on this my bed of infirmity, and strengthen me.

O merciful Lord God, who of Thy great mercy dost forgive the offences of those who truly repent, mercifully look upon me, Thy poor servant, and hearken unto me, who humbly crave of Thee remission of my sins. Pity my sighs, pity my tears, pity my

groans; vouchsafe to be reconciled to me. O Lord, it grieveth me that I have offended Thy majesty, and I humbly pray Thee, by the death, passion, and intercession of Thy Son Jesus Christ to pardon my offences. —*Bp. Andrewes.*

A LITANY FOR REPENTANCE, PARDON, AND GRACE.

O God the Father, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, have mercy upon me.

O Thou God of mercy, that wouldest have the sinner repent and live, give me a due sense of all my sins, and then forgive and pity me.

O Thou, that wouldest have all men come to the knowledge of the truth, and be saved, cast me not away from Thee.

O holy Father, who didst so love the world, that Thou gavest Thy Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,

Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.

O Thou that despisest not a broken and contrite heart, and whose will and power nothing can resist, O do Thou create a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. O say unto my soul, I will, be Thou clean; and be it unto Thy servant according to Thy word.

O Thou, that hast no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, and hast given Thy Son to die, that sinners may not die eternally: spare me, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, and deliver me from the bitter pains of eternal death.

O blessed Jesus, who didst die that repentance and remission of sins should be preached to all the world in Thy Name; O do Thou make my repentance such as Thou hast required and will accept, and let Thy merits render it effectual to the forgiveness of my sins.

O Thou who didst taste death for every man, and laid down Thy life for those who were dead in Adam,

and hast promised to accept all such as come unto Thee; O cast me not away from Thee, but have mercy upon me, O God, my God.

O Thou who hast bidden such as are weary and heavy laden come unto Thee, and promised they should find rest for their souls; O Lord, look down upon me, who in the bitterness and anguish of my soul come unto Thee, and have mercy upon me.

O holy and ever-blessed Spirit, whose sacred fires melt down the hardest hearts, whose holy aids are sufficient to help our infirmities, and whose fruits are repentance, and peace, and joy; O do Thou direct, assist, and guide my soul, and keep me in all Thy ways.

O Thou who leadest the ignorant to the truth, sinners to repentance and righteousness, and art the Comforter of the sad and wounded soul; O do Thou open my eyes to see the error of my ways, and my heart to hate and forsake them, and let Thy grace and comfort guide me in all my difficulties, and support me in all my trials.

O blessed Spirit, who knowest the dangers that encompass, and the temptations that beset and most easily prevail against me; O be Thou my guide, and never leave me nor forsake me; but from the deceit of my heart, the wiles of the devil, from melancholy and despair,

Good Lord, deliver me.

O gracious God, give me not up to myself, and withdraw not Thy grace from me, but assist and accept my prayers and my repentance, and hear Thy Son who maketh intercession for me; let His blood atone for me, and by His stripes let my soul be healed.

O merciful Father, who wouldest have me repent and live, and by whose grace and aid I have here prostrated myself before Thee, to confess and bewail my sins, and purposed to forsake them: O do Thou who knowest the deceit of my heart, the weakness of

my best resolutions, and the power and prevalence of my corrupt nature, let Thy grace be sufficient for me, and the help of Thy Spirit make my sorrow sincere, my resolution stedfast; and so change and consecrate my affections, that they may never more misguide me.

O Thou that art the Maker and Lover of souls, hear my prayer, forgive my sins, accept my sorrows, strengthen my resolutions, confirm my vows, and grant me repentance to life eternal, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen, Amen.—*Inett.*

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in me a new and contrite heart, that I, worthily lamenting my sins, and acknowledging my wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR REFORMATION OF LIFE.

INSPIRE my soul, O Lord my God, with a holy desire of Thee, my chief, my only good, that I may so earnestly desire, as diligently to seek Thee: so successfully seek, as to be happy in finding Thee. Make me so sensible of that happiness, as passionately to love Thee; so effectually to express that love, as to make some amends for my past wickedness, by hating and forsaking my former evil courses, and entering upon a conversation of exemplary piety, for the time to come.

Give me, gracious God, hearty repentance, an humble and contrite spirit. Make my eyes a fountain of tears, and my hands liberal disposers of alms, and unwearied instruments of good works. Thou art my King; reign absolute in my heart, subdue and expel thence all rebellious passions—quench all the impure

burnings of fleshly lusts, and kindle in it the bright fire of Thy love.

Thou art my Redeemer, beat down, and drive out the spirit of pride, and impart to me, in much mercy, the treasure of Thine own unexampled humility and wonderful condescension.

Thou art my Saviour, take from me the rage of anger; and arm me, I beseech Thee, with the shield of patience.

Thou art my Creator, root out from me all that rancour and malice whereby my nature is corrupted; and implant in me all that sweetness and gentleness of temper which may render me a man after the likeness of Thy own Divine goodness.

Thou art my most merciful and indulgent Father, O grant Thy own child those best of gifts—a firm and right faith, a stedfast and well-grounded hope, and a never-failing charity.

O my Director and Governor, turn away from me, I beseech Thee, vanity and filthiness of mind, a wandering heart, a scurrilous tongue, a proud look, a gluttonous belly. Preserve me from the venom of slander and detraction, from curiosity, from the thirst of covetousness, ambition, and vain-glory; from the deceits of hypocrisy, the secret poison of flattery; from contempt of the poor, and oppression of the helpless; from the canker of envy, the fever of avarice, and the pestilential disease of blasphemy and profaneness. Purge me from all manner of injustice, rashness, and obstinacy; from impatience, blindness of heart, and cruelty.

Incline me to obey that which is good. Enable me to bridle my tongue. Suffer me not to insult the poor, to defame the innocent, to despise my inferiors, to treat my servants with severity and scorn; to fail in due affection towards my friends and relations, or in kindness and compassion towards my neighbours and acquaintance.

O my God, Thou fountain of mercy, I beg Thee, for the sake of the Son of Thy love, dispose me to the love and practice of kindness and mercy, that I may have a tender fellow-feeling of my brethren's afflictions; and apply myself cheerfully to rectify their mistakes, to relieve their miseries, to supply their wants, to comfort their sorrows; to assist the oppressed, to right the injured, to sustain the needy, to cherish the dejected—to release those who are indebted to me; to pardon them that have offended me; to love them that hate me; to render good for evil; to despise none, but pay all due respect to all men. Give me grace to imitate those that live well, to avoid them that do ill, to follow after all virtue, and utterly to abandon all vice. Make me patient in adversity, and moderate in prosperity. Wean my affections from things below, and let them be fixed on heaven and heavenly things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*St. Augustine.*

Prayers.

AGAINST THE LOVE OF THE WORLD.

GREAT and glorious God, who alone art worthy of our love and service, cure me of, and preserve me from, the sin and vanity of admiring this world. Give me, O Lord, a perfect indifference for the world, its profits, pleasures, honours, fame, and all its idols. Give me the eye of faith, that I may see it just as it is; the vanity of its promises, the folly of its pleasures, the unprofitableness of its rewards, the multitude of its snares, and the danger of its temptations. Give me grace to renounce all covetous desires, all love of riches and pleasures; to desire only what is necessary, and to be content with what Thou, O Lord, thinkest so. Grant that I may resist every temptation to the love of creatures, lest they steal my heart from

Thee, my God, whom I desire to love with all my soul; so that I may cheerfully part with all these things when thou requirest it of me. And that I may ever be prepared to do so, dispose me to a temperance in all things, and to lay up my treasure in heaven.

Represent Thyself unto me as my true happiness, that I may love Thee with all my heart, and soul, and strength; so that when I am called out of this world, I may rejoice in hope of going to the paradise of God, where the souls of the faithful enjoy rest and felicity, in hopes of a blessed resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Bp. Wilson.*

FOR A LOW ESTEEM OF ALL WORLDLY THINGS.

O ETERNAL God, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, who madest the heaven and the earth, and all contained therein, by Thy almighty word; our daily experience teaches us the weakness and uncertainty of all our earthly possessions. O possess my heart with a full belief of Thy holy word, and affix my thoughts and affections upon eternal things. Let not the splendour of anything in this world entice me to set my heart too much on wealth and dignities, and the praise of men, whose breath is in their nostrils; much less for any of these to displease Thee, by forsaking the ways of righteousness, mercy, and piety. But settle in me such a high esteem of Thy goodwill towards me, fill me with such an immovable love to Thee, and fix my eyes so strongly on the brightness of that immortal glory which Christ hath brought to light by His Gospel, that it may obscure the most glittering temptations in this world, and place me out of the reach or danger of them. O make me so wise as to lay up treasures in heaven, being rich in faith and in good works; "*laying up in store for myself a good foundation, against the time to come, that I may lay hold on eternal life,*" through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Bp. Patrick.*

A PROFESSION OF FAITH, BEING AN ABSTRACT OF
A PARAPHRASE ON THE CREED.

I believe.

MY Lord and my God, with a full, free, and firm assent, I believe all the articles of my Creed, because Thou hast revealed them; I know Thou art infallible truth, and canst not, Thou art infinite love, and wilt not deceive me: glory be to Thee. Lord, daily increase my faith; make it active and fruitful, that I may believe and love Thee entirely.

In God.

I believe, O my God, that Thou art one, and that there is no other God besides Thee; Thou art that One infinite and independent Being, that one only true God, whom all men and all angels are to adore: all glory be to Thee. O Lord God, help me to love and praise Thee with god-like affections, and a suitable devotion.

I believe, O my God, that in the Unity of Thy Godhead there is a Trinity of Persons. I believe in Thee, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in whose Name I was baptized, to whose service I am religiously devoted. I believe, I admire, I love, I praise, I adore Thee, O most blessed and glorious Trinity, for being the joint Author of our salvation: all love, all glory be to Thee. Let Thy grace, O Lord Jesus; let Thy love, O God the Father; let Thy communications, O Holy Spirit, be ever with me.

The Father Almighty.

I believe, and love, and praise Thee, O my God, the Fountain of the Godhead. Thou art a Spirit most pure, and holy, and infinite in all perfections, in power, and knowledge, and goodness; that Thou art

eternal, immutable, and omnipresent : Thy
 wise, and just, most glorious, and all-suffi-
 gracious, merciful, tender, and benign, and
 all love, all glory be to Thee.

Glory be to Thee, O God, for so loving
 as to give Thy only-begotten Son to
 O help me to love again, and to think
 dear for Thee. Thou, Lord, art my hop-
 my life, my joy, my glory, my God, my :

Maker of Heaven and Earth

I believe that Thou, O Father Alm
 create Heaven and Earth, the whole wo-
 things in it, visible and invisible, out of :
 by Thy Word only: all glory be to Thee, C
 Creator ; Thou art the sole Lord and Pro-
 things Thou hast made ; all things necess-
 on Thee ; it is in Thee only we live, an
 have our being : all love, all laud, be to T
 O communicative Goodness, dost prese-
 protect, and bless all things Thou hast m-
 to the natures Thou hast given them : al-
 Thee. Thou, O mighty Wisdom, dost r-
 order, govern, and dispose all things, e-
 sins of men, to conspire in Thy glory : O
 conduct my whole life, steer every motion
 toward the great end of our creation,
 glorify Thee. Thy love, O Lord, was mo-
 in the creation of man than in all the
 visible world : Thou madest him in Thy
 and after Thy own likeness ; Thou de-
 creatures for his use, and didst subject
 dominion ; the very Angels Thou didst
 keep him in all his ways : all love, all
 Thee.

I love and praise Thee, O my God, for
 ticular vouchsafements of Thy love to me
 deliverances and blessings, either to my t

known or unknown. The longer I live, the more reason I have to love Thee, because every day supplies me with fresh experiments, and new motives of love : therefore, all love, all honour, be to Thee.

And in Jesus Christ.

I believe, O merciful Jesu, that Thou art Christ, the true Messiah, the promised Seed which was to bruise the Serpent's head, long expected by the fathers, foretold by the prophets, represented by types, which were all fulfilled in Thee, O Thou the desire of all nations : all love, all glory be to Thee.

I believe, O Thou anointed of God, that as kings, and priests, and prophets, were heretofore anointed with material oil ; so, by Thy heavenly unction, Thou wast consecrated to be our Prophet, our Priest, and our King ; in all those three offices, to manifest Thy love to us : all love, therefore, all praise be ascribed to Thee.

O most benign Jesu ! who can ever hope to share in Thy salvation, who does not sincerely love, and conscientiously obey Thee his Saviour ? O blessed Jesu ! let me feel the kind force of that sweet Name, in which I, and all sinners, do read our danger and our deliverance, our guilt and our salvation : glory be to God. Glory be to Thee, O Christ our King, who dost govern and protect us, and hast subdued all our ghostly enemies. And our Priest, who dost bless us, who didst offer Thyself a sacrifice, and dost still make intercession for us. Our redemption, illumination, support, is wholly from Thy love, O Thou anointed of God : all love, all glory be to Thee.

His only Son our Lord.

I believe that Thou, O most adorable Jesus, art the Son of God by ineffable generation ; the brightness of Thy Father's glory, and the express image of His Person : Thou art the great and true God, Jehovah,

our righteousness, God mighty to save; Thou didst make and dost sustain all things by Thy power; and art to be honoured by angels and men, as Thy Father is honoured: since, therefore, Thou art equal to Thy Father, O blessed Jesu, in amiableness and love to us, and art equally to be loved by us; since Thou art the Lord, and the Author of the new creation as well as of the old, but more peculiarly, Lord of us sinners by purchase; O that I, and all that own Thy dominion, may for ever love, revere, and obey so powerful and gracious a Lord: all love, all glory be to Thee.

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.

I believe, O most condescending Majesty, that when Thou didst stoop so low as to assume our frail nature, the Holy Ghost came on Thy sacred Mother, and the Power of the Highest did overshadow her, and then she did conceive, and lodge Thee in her womb, where Thou, who fillest heaven and earth, wast about nine months imprisoned for our sake: all love, therefore, and all praise be to Thee.

Born of the Virgin Mary.

I believe, O most adorable Humility, that Thou wast, at last, born into the world; Thou, that having only God for Thy Father, and Mary, a pure Virgin, for Thy Mother, whom all generations do call blessed; both Thy Conception and Birth were perfectly immaculate, that being without sin Thyself, Thou mightest be a fit sacrifice to atone for us sinners, who, being born of unclean parents, were all by nature unclean; and therefore, all love, all glory be to Thee, O immaculate Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world.

I believe, O blessed Saviour, that the two natures of God and man were in Thee mysteriously united, without either change or confusion: that they made in Thee but one Person, one Mediator. Thou,

O Eternal Word, didst become flesh, and dwell among us on purpose to save us. All love, all glory be to Thee.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate.

I believe, O adorable Love, that Thy whole life was made up of sufferings, and that for sinful men; O let me never cease to adore and love Thee. It was for sinners, O tenderest Love, that in Thy infancy Thou wast circumcised, and forced to fly into Egypt. It was for us sinners, O afflicted Love, that Thou wert all Thy life long "a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;" that Thou wast persecuted and reviled, despised and rejected, and had not "where to lay Thy head;" and therefore I am bound to praise and love Thee.

It was for us sinners, that Thou, O compassionate Love, "wast touched with a feeling of our infirmities, and wast in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin," that Thou mightest pity the weak and succour the tempted. Thou didst "go about doing good," publishing the glad tidings of salvation, sending Thy disciples, confirming Thy heavenly doctrine by many glorious miracles, and illustrating it by a God-like example. O most exuberant Love, how amiable are all Thy graces! O fill my heart with Thy love, and transform it into Thy likeness, that I may all my life long imitate Thy perfect obedience, unspotted holiness, unchangeable resolution, universal charity, uninterrupted devotion, contempt of the world, heavenly-mindedness, gracious condescension, ardent zeal for Thy Father's glory, and unbounded love.

I believe, O my Lord and my God, that Thy greatest sufferings were under the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate; I believe all those mighty sufferings; but am as little able to express the greatness of them, as I am the greatness of Thy love, which moved Thee to suffer. How great were Thy sufferings, O Saviour

of the world ! when Thy "soul was exceeding sorrowful even unto death;" and made Thee "offer up prayers, with strong crying and tears;" threw Thee into an "agony and bloody sweat." O Thou agonizing Love ! impress upon my heart such a tender sense of Thy sufferings for me, that I may agonize with Thee, that I may feel Thy sorrows, that I may dissolve into tears for Thee, and love and suffer with Thee.

O suffering Jesus, when my meditations follow Thee from the Garden to Calvary, I grieve and love all the way : when I see Thee, O incarnate God, out of love to sinners, and in particular to me, one of the vilest, humbling Thyself to be apprehended and bound as a malefactor : betrayed by the kiss of Judas, denied by Peter, and forsaken of all Thy disciples. I grieve and love when I see Thee, O Spotless Innocence, out of love to me, dragged to Annas and Caiaphas, accused by false witnesses, arraigned, and condemned. When I see Thee, O Divine Majesty, spit upon, blindfolded, buffeted, and mocked, sent to Pilate, an infidel judge, then to wicked Herod, who, with his men, set Thee at nought ; see Thee worried to death by the rabble that cried out, "Crucify, crucify," and Barabbas, a traitor and murderer, preferred to Thee. I grieve when I see Thee, O Lover of souls, for my sake, given up into the hands of infidel soldiers, to be stripped naked, and tied to a pillar, and scourged : humbling Thyself to be arrayed in purple ; "crowned with thorns, "to multiply Thy torments ; mocked by barbarous wretches with their bended knee.

I grieve and love when I see Thee, O Lord God, whom the Angels worship, made the extreme scorn, contempt, and sport of Thy insulting enemies ; and though declared innocent by Pilate, yet still surrendered to the unrelenting cruelty of the multitude. My Lord, my God, my Saviour, with all my heart I love and adore Thy infinite love and benignity to sinners ; and lament and detest the outrage of sinners.

Was crucified.

I grieve and love when I see Thee, O Thou great Martyr of Love, for my sake, oppressed with the weight of Thy cross, Thy virgin body stripped naked, Thy hands and feet nailed to the cross; when I see Thee “crucified between two thieves,” and gall and vinegar given to Thee, and in the height of Thy anguish derided, reproached, and blasphemed and mocked by the impenitent thief.

I grieve and love when I see Thee, O God, blessed for evermore, O Fountain of all blessing, hang bleeding on the cross, and made a curse for us. How does my indignation swell against the inhumanity of the Jews, who could thus cruelly treat so unreproachable an innocence, so compassionate a Saviour! Alas! alas! it was the sinner, O Love incarnate, rather than the Jew, that betrayed, derided, and blasphemed, and tortured and crucified Thee; the sins of lapsed mankind, and particularly my sins, were Thy tormentors; therefore from my heart, I bewail, detest, and abjure them.

My Lord and my God, instil penitential love into my soul, that I may grieve for my sins, which grieved Thee; that I may love Thee for suffering for us sinners. O may I alway love Thee! O may I never grieve Thee more!

Dead and buried.

I grieve when I see Thee on the Cross spent with pain and anguish, and in Thy dying pangs, commending Thy spirit into the hands of Thy heavenly Father, and giving up the ghost. Thou, O Lord of life, didst for us sinners humble Thyself to death, even to the ignominy and torment insupportable: all love, all glory be to Thee.

Was ever any sorrow, O crucified Lord, like that sorrow my sins created Thee! Was ever any love

like that love Thou didst show in dying for sinners! All the frame of nature, O dying Saviour, was convulsed at the crucifixion of their great Creator. Thou wast lovely, glorious, and adorable, in Thy lowest humiliation; all love and praise be to Thee.

I grieve, and love, and melt, when I hear Thee on the Cross crying, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me!" Ah, sinful wretch that I am! how inconceivable were the inward dolours and agonies Thou didst undergo for us sinners, when Thou didst tread the wine-press of Thy Father's wrath, when the iniquities of the whole world were laid on Thee, and my numerous sins increased Thy load and heightened Thy torment. No love, no sufferings, was ever like unto Thine; no love, no grief should exceed mine for Thee.

For whom, O unutterable Goodness, didst Thou suffer the extreme bitterness of sorrow, but for sinful man, and for me, one of the worst of sinners? and therefore I praise and love Thee. For what end didst Thou suffer, but to save sinners from the curse of the law, the terrors of death, the tyranny of sin, and eternal torments; to purchase for us pardon and grace, consolation and acceptance, and the everlasting joys and glories of the kingdom of heaven?

When no other sacrifice could atone, Thou, O beloved Son of God, didst on the Cross show us the mystery and miracle of love, God crucified for sinners, and sinners redeemed by the blood of God. By what names shall I adore Thee? all are too short, too scanty to express Thee: love only will reach Thee; Thou, O Jesu, art all love; soften, sweeten, refine, love me into all love like Thee.

By the love of thy Cross, O Jesu, I live; in that I will only glory, that above all things will I study, that before all things will I value; by the love of Thy Cross I will take up my Cross daily and follow Thee, I will persecute, torment, and crucify my sinful lusts and

affections which persecuted, tormented, and crucified Thee. How illustrious and amiable were Thy graces amidst all Thy sufferings, O Thou afflicted Jesu ! I admire, and love Thy profound humility, unwearied patience, lamb-like meekness, immaculate innocence, invincible courage, absolute resignation, compassionate love of souls, and perfect charity to Thy enemies. O my Love, I cannot love Thee, but I must desire, above all things, to be like my beloved : O give me grace to tread in Thy steps, and conform me to Thy Divine image, that the more I grow like Thee, the more may I love Thee.

He descended into Hell.

I believe, O condescending Love, that Thy soul, in the state of separation, did descend into Hell, to vanquish death, and all the spirits of darkness in their own dominions : and therefore I adore and love Thee.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou great Champion of Love, who didst singly encounter all our ghostly enemies, who didst Thyself taste death, that Thou mightest take away the sting of death, who didst wrestle with principalities, and powers, and all the force of Hell, that we might share in Thy victory ; for which wonderful salvation, I will always praise and love Thee, my merciful Redeemer.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

I believe, O Almighty Love, that according to the types and prophecies which went before of Thee, and according to Thy own infallible predictions, thou didst, by Thy own power, rise from the dead the third day : all love, all glory be to Thee.

Glory be to Thee, who didst lie so long in the grave, to undergo the full condition of the dead, and to convince all the world of the certainty of Thy death ; and didst rise so soon, that Thou mightest not

see corruption, or retard our joy: all praise and honour be to Thee.

He ascended into Heaven.

I believe, O victorious Love, that Thou, after Thy conquest over Death and Hell, didst ascend in triumph to heaven, that thou mightest prepare mansions for us, and from thence, as Conqueror, bestow the gifts of Thy conquest on us; and above all, the gift of the Holy Spirit; that Thou mightest enter into the Holy of Holies, as our great High Priest, to present to Thy Father the sweet-smelling sacrifice of his crucified Son, the sole propitiation for sinners: and therefore all love, all glory be to Thee.

Glory be to Thee, O Jesu, who didst leave the world, and ascend to heaven in the middle of Thy age, to teach us, in the prime of our years, to despise this world, when we are best able to enjoy it, and to reserve our full vigour for heaven, and for Thy love.

O Thou, whom my soul loves, since Thou hast left the world, what was there ever in it worthy of our love! O let all my affections ascend after Thee, and never return to the earth more: for, whom have I in heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of Thee.

And sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

I believe, O triumphant Love, that Thou now sittest in full and peaceable possession of bliss, at the right hand of God; that Thy human nature is exalted to the most honourable place in heaven; where Thou sittest on Thy throne of glory, adored by angels, and interceding for sinners: and therefore, all love, all glory be to Thee.

Glory be to Thee, O Love enthroned, Thy resurrection, ascension and session, are all signal instances

of Thy love, and earnestness of our future felicity, the entire purchase of Thy Love: all our hopes of heaven, our resurrection, ascension, and glorification, depend on, and are derived from Thine, and are all the trophies of Thy love to us: and therefore I will ever praise and love Thee.

From thence ~~He~~ shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe, O glorified Love, that from Thy throne at God's right hand, where Thou now sittest, Thou wilt come again to judge the world, attended with Thy holy angels; that I, and all mankind, shall be summoned before Thy awful tribunal; that all the dead shall be waked out of their graves, when the angel shall blow the last trump, and all that are quick and alive shall then appear before Thee: all glory be to Thee.

I know, adorable Judge, that I, and all the world, shall give a strict account of all our thoughts, and words, and actions; that the books will be then opened, and out of those dreadful registers we shall be judged; that Satan and our own consciences will be our accusers. O let the last trump be ever sounding in my ears, that I may be always mindful of my great account; that I may neither speak, nor do, nor think any thing that may wound my own conscience, or provoke Thy anger, or make me tremble at Thy awful day, O merciful Saviour.

I believe in the Holy Ghost.

I believe, O Holy Spirit, that Thou art God eternal and omniscient, eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son, joint Author of our salvation, essentially holy, infinitely amiable, the Author of all eternal holiness, and sanctifying grace, and the principle of all spiritual life in us: all love, therefore, all glory be to Thee.

O Thou blessed Spirit, the Comforter, purify my

soul, and infuse Thy love into it, and consecrate it to be Thy temple, and fix Thy throne immovable there, and set all my affections on fire, that my heart may be a continual sacrifice of love offered up to Thee, and the flame may be ever aspiring toward Thee, O blessed Spirit of Love.

The Holy Catholic Church.

“ I acknowledge, O blessed Mediator, Thy Church to be universal or catholic, in respect of all graces, of time, and place, and saving faith ; holy, like Thee, its Author, by the original design of its institution ; holy by baptismal dedication ; holy in all its administrations, which tend to produce holiness ; founded by Thy love to sinners, united into one body, of which Thou art the Head, initiated by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, governed by pastors commissioned by Thee, and endowed with the power of the keys, professing the doctrine taught by Thee and delivered to the saints, and devoted to Thy worship and honour : O preserve me always a true member of Thy Catholic Church, that I may inseparably adhere to Thee, that I may always devoutly praise and love Thee.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord my God, for Thy great and unspeakable mercy, in making me a member of Thy Catholic Church ; glory be to Thee, who hast caused me to be educated in, and profess myself a member of the purer part of Thy Church, established in this land, whose faith, and government, and worship, are holy, catholic, and apostolic, free from the extremes of irreverence and superstition ; which I firmly believe to be a sound part of the Church Universal, and which teaches me charity to those who dissent from me : and therefore, all laud, all love be to Thee.

O my God, give me grace to continue steadfast in her bosom, to improve all those helps to true piety, all those means of grace, all those incentives of Thy

love, Thou hast mercifully indulged to me in her communion, that I may, with primitive affections and fervour, praise and love Thee, the amiable object of my worship.

The communion of saints.

I believe, O King of Saints, that all the saints on earth, by profession, ought to communicate one with another in evangelical worship, and the same holy Sacraments, in the same divine and apostolical faith, in all offices of corporal and spiritual charity, in reciprocal delight in each other's salvation, and in tender sympathy, as members of one and the same body. O my God, amidst the deplorable divisions of Thy Church, let me never widen its breaches, but give me grace to pray daily for the peace of Thy Church, and earnestly to seek it, and to excite all I can to praise and to love Thee. Deliver me from the errors, schisms, and heresies of the age.

I believe, O gracious Redeemer, that Thy saints here below have communion with Thy saints above; they praying for us in heaven; we on earth celebrating their memorials, rejoicing at their bliss, giving Thee thanks for their labour of love, and imitating their examples: for which, all love, all glory be to Thee.

I believe, O my Lord and my God, that the saints in this life have communion with the Three Persons of the most adorable Trinity.

Glory be to Thee, for all the graces and blessings in which the saints communicate, for breathing Thy love into Thy mystical body as the very soul that informs it, that all that believe in Thee may love one another, and all join in loving Thee.

I believe, most Holy Jesu, that Thy saints here on earth have communion with the holy angels above; and I give Thee thanks for their protection, and emulate their incessant praises, and ready obedience: all glory be to Thee.

The forgiveness of sins.

I believe, O Thou Lover of Souls, that none can forgive sins but Thou alone; and that, in Thy Church, forgiveness is always to be had; and out of Thy mere mercy, O heavenly Father, and for the merits and passion of Thy crucified Son, Thou dost accept our imperfect repentance, and art pleased to forgive us: O miraculous compassion and condescension!

Glory be to Thee, O most adorable Trinity, for Thy infinite love in our forgiveness: glory be to Thee, O Father forgiving, O Son propitiating, O Holy Ghost purifying. I, miserable sinner, who sigh and pant, and languish for Thy forgiveness, and to be at peace with Thee, do praise, adore, and love that most sweet and liberal, that tender and amiable mercy, that delights in forgiving sinners.

The resurrection of the body.

I believe, O victorious Jesu, that by the virtue of Thy resurrection, all the dead shall rise, bad as well as good, with the same bodies they had on earth; that Thou wilt re-collect their scattered dust into the same form again; that our souls shall be reunited to our bodies; that we shall be judged both in body and soul, for the sins committed by both; that the bodies of the wicked shall be fitted for torment, and the bodies of the saints changed in quality, and made glorified bodies, immortal and incorruptible, fitted for heaven, and eternally to love and enjoy Thee. All love, all glory be to Thee, Almighty Jesu, by whom Death is swallowed up in victory.

And the life everlasting.

I believe, O great Judge of heaven and earth, that after all the quick and dead have appeared before Thy

judgment-seat, then the most just and unrepealable sentence shall pass, and be executed to all eternity.

I believe, O righteous Jesu, that the wicked shall be set on Thy left hand, and be condemned to hell, to be tormented with everlasting and unconceivable anguish and despair, by the devil and his angels, and their own conscience, both in soul and body, in the lake of fire and brimstone, from which there never can be any redemption: O just reward of those that do not love Thee.

O merciful Jesu, how desirous art Thou that we should be happy in loving Thee, when Thou hast created hell on purpose to deter us from hating Thee, and heaven to compel us to love Thee: and therefore, all love, all glory be to Thee.

I believe, O my Lord and my God, that the righteous shall be rewarded with joys unspeakable and full of glory, with the Beatific Vision of Thyself in heaven; with a happiness of body and soul, which shall be in all respects most perfect, eternal, and unchangeable; that they shall never sorrow nor sin more, which is all the free gift of Thy infinite love, O heavenly Father, and the purchase of Thy blood, O God Incarnate, for which I will ever, to the utmost of my power, adore and love Thee. Amen.

O Thou great Author and Finisher of our faith, do Thou daily increase my faith, and heighten my love: O grant that in holy ardours of love to Love crucified, my love may at last ascend to the region of love, that I may have nothing to do to all eternity, but to praise and love Thee. Amen. O infinite Love. Amen. Amen.—*From Bps. Ken and Taylor.*

A PRAYER FOR FAITH.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer Thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in Thy Son's resurrection;

grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.—*St. Thomas's Day.*

ANOTHER.

O THOU, from whom every good and perfect gift descends, who givest to all men liberally, and upbraidest not; O my Lord! I have rocks of unbelief to be displaced, mountains of sin to be removed! Oh lend me Thy helping hand. None can give relief, nor succour, nor do me any good, but Thyself. How dark, dull, and doubtful is my faith. I believe in sunshine, and faint in a storm. When Thy candle shines over my head, and I wash my feet in butter, I believe. But where is my faith in the dark, when the fig-tree doth not blossom: when there is no fruit in the vine? Oh how it then sinks! O Thou Sun of Righteousness, Thou bright and morning Star, shine upon this dark soul of mine. Press in by Thy piercing beams; scatter the clouds of unbelief; dispel those mists as chaff before the wind, O Thou Holy One of Israel.

O my Lord, give me an active, lively, effectual faith, which may make me awake to righteousness. Give me a faith that may surmount all hardships,—resolute in the greatest trials; and which may make all that is within me stoop to the yoke of Jesus, which may cross my flesh and blood, and crucify my vain desires, and inordinate affections.

O give me a faith which may make me tender of Thy glory; unwilling to displease Thee. A faith which may oblige me to work out my salvation with fear and trembling. A faith that may look into eternity; live upon Thy promises; overcome death; make afflictions easy; sweeten all my troubles; purify my heart; compel me to obedience; control all my

lusts; check my inordinate desires; bear down all before it; set up the Lord Jesus in my soul; and make every imagination subject to Him.

O blessed Light! which enlighteneth every man that comes into the world, direct my steps, illuminate my understanding, show me the way I must walk in, that no error may mislead me, no false doctrine corrupt me, no heresy deceive me; stretch forth Thy hand, and hold Thou up my goings in Thy path. O my Lord, I believe that not the least tittle of Thy word shall fail: oh increase my belief! Let not my faith rest upon Thy doctrine only, but let it have a regard to all Thy laws. Oh let me so believe an approaching eternity, as to be concerned at the thoughts of it. Let me so believe in Thee, that it may appear Thou livest in me; that I may at last attain the end of my faith, even the salvation of my soul. Great Author and Finisher of my faith, hear me for Thy mercies' sake. Amen.—*From Dr. Horneck.*

A PRAYER FOR HOPE.

O THOU in whom my fathers hoped! they hoped in Thee, and Thou didst deliver them. Thy mercies, promises, and revelations, bid me hope. Oh let this hope be lively, and purify my heart, even as God is pure. And having this hope, oh assist me to cleanse myself from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, and to perfect holiness in the fear of God. Deck my soul with humility, patience, and constancy, that no rods, no stripes, no torment, no perils, (2 Cor. xi.) no weariness, painfulness, watchings, hunger, thirst, cold, weakness, or infirmity,—no honour or dishonour,—no good or evil report, may discourage me from trusting in Thee. Oh let it not be in the power of men or devils to shake this hope. Let it be my anchor, sure and stedfast, which no storms or billows can move. Whatever befalls me, let me think they come from a

Father's hand. Let no prosperity, no sunshine nor calmness, subvert this hope in my soul. Into Thy hands I commit my spirit; for Thou hast redeemed it, O Lord God of truth. Oh make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and let me hope unto the end, for the grace that is brought unto us at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Amen.—*Idem.*

FOR CHARITY.

O BLESSED Father, who didst so love the world as to give Thy Son for it! O blessed Jesus, who didst so love Thy very enemies as to die for them! O blessed Spirit, whose fruits are peace and love: take from me all rancour and malice, all hatred and bitterness; and pour into my heart that most excellent gift of charity; teach me to overcome evil with good; and let my charity be such as will never fail, but fit me to adore, and praise, and love Thee for ever and ever. Amen.—*Inett.*

THE SAME.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee: grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

FOR HOLINESS.

O MOST holy and eternal Father, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity with approbation; and hast declared, that without holiness no man shall see the Lord: do Thou purge me from all filthiness of flesh and spirit; teaching me to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live righteously, soberly, and godly in this present evil world. O make me

holy in all manner of conversation ; and holy as Thou art holy ; and so live before Thee, in holiness and righteousness, all my days, that at last with Thee, O most holy Father, I may receive the fruits of holiness ; and with them that seek for glory, honour, and immortality, eternal life ; and all for the sake of Thy holy Child, Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.—*Inett.*

FOR THE SAME.

O GOD, who hast called me to holiness, give me a firm faith in Thy power, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that by His assistance I may get the mastery over all my sins and corruptions ; that I may be redeemed from all iniquity ; that I may be holy, as He who has called me is holy. Possess my soul with an earnest desire of pleasing Thee, and with a fear of offending Thee. Let me ever be ready to forgive injuries, and backward to offer any. Give me, O Lord, faith and patience, that I may neither murmur at Thy appointments, nor be angry against the instruments of Thy justice.

Deliver me from the errors and vices of the age, from profaneness, heresies, and schism. O Divine Repairer of our corrupt nature, may Thy all-powerful grace make me as perfect as Thou hast commanded me to be. Sanctify my body and soul with Thy heavenly blessings, that they may be made Thy holy habitation, and that nothing may be found in me that may offend the eyes of Thy Majesty.

Protect and keep me in the midst of the dangers of this corrupt world ; and by Thy light and grace direct me into the way of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ. Amen.—*Bp. Wilson.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GRACES OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

O LORD God, of infinite mercy, of infinite excellency, who hast sent Thy Holy Son into the world,

to redeem us from an intolerable misery, and to teach us a holy religion, and to forgive us an infinite debt; give me Thy Holy Spirit, that my understanding and all my faculties may be so resigned to the discipline and doctrine of my Lord, that I may be prepared in mind and will to die for the testimony of Jesus, and to suffer any affliction or calamity that shall offer to hinder my duty, or tempt me to shame, or sin, or apostasy: and let my faith be the parent of a good life, a strong shield to repel the fiery darts of the devil, and the author of a holy hope, of modest desires, of confidence in God, and of a never-failing charity to Thee, my God, and to all the world; that I may be supported by the strength of faith in all temptations, and may be refreshed with the comforts of a holy hope in all my sorrows, and may bear the infirmities of my neighbour by the support of charity, that the yoke of Jesus may become easy to me, and my love may do all the miracles of grace, till from grace it swell to glory, from earth to heaven, from duty to reward, from the imperfections of a beginning, and little growing love, it may arrive to the consummation of an eternal and never-ceasing charity, through Jesus Christ, the Son of Thy love, the Anchor of our hope, and the Author and Finisher of our faith; to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Spirit, be all glory, love, and obedience, now and for ever. Amen.—*Bp. Taylor.*

A PRAYER AGAINST SENSUALITY.

O ETERNAL Father, thou that sittest in heaven, invested with essential glories and Divine perfections, fill my soul with so deep a sense of the excellences of spiritual and heavenly things, that, my affections being weaned from the pleasures of the world, and the false allurements of sin, I may, with great severity, and the prudence of a holy discipline and strict desires, with clear resolutions and a free spirit,

have my conversation in heaven, and heavenly employments; that being in affection, as in my condition, a pilgrim and a stranger here, I may covet after, and labour for, an abiding city; and at last may enter into, and for ever dwell in, the celestial Jerusalem, which is the mother of us all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Idem.*

FOR TEMPERANCE.

O ALMIGHTY God, and gracious Father of men and angels, who openest Thy hand, and fillest all things with plenty, and hast provided for Thy servant sufficient to satisfy all my needs; teach me to use Thy creatures soberly and temperately, that I may not, with loads of meat and drink, make the temptations of my enemy to prevail upon me, or my spirit unapt for the performance of my duty, or my body healthless, or my affections sensual and unholy. O my God, never suffer that the blessings which Thou givest me, may either minister to sin or sickness, but to health, and holiness, and thanksgiving; that, in the strength of Thy provisions, I may cheerfully, actively, and diligently serve Thee; that I may worthily feast at Thy table here, and be accounted worthy, through Thy grace, to be admitted to Thy table hereafter, at the eternal Supper of the Lamb, to sing an Alleluia to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.—*Idem.*

FOR CHASTITY; ESPECIALLY TO BE USED BY UNMARRIED PERSONS.

ALMIGHTY God, our most holy and eternal Father, who art of pure eyes, and canst behold no uncleanness; let Thy gracious and Holy Spirit descend upon Thy servant, that my body may be a holy temple, and my soul a sanctuary to entertain the Prince of purities, the holy and eternal Spirit of God. O let

no impure thoughts pollute that soul which God hath sanctified, no unclean words pollute that tongue which God hath commanded to be an organ of His praises, no unholy and unchaste action rend the vail of that temple, where the holy Jesus hath been pleased to enter, and choose for His habitation; but seal up all my senses from all vain objects, and let them be entirely possessed with religion, and fortified with prudence, watchfulness, and mortification; that I, possessing my vessel in holiness, may lay it down with a holy hope, and receive it again in a joyful resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Idem.*

FOR EVANGELICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

O HOLY Jesus, who camest down from heaven, and wast pleased to pay that dear ransom on the cross for us, that Thou mightest redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Thyself a peculiar people zealous of good works; I beseech Thee to write Thy law on my heart, that most excellent divine law of Thine, that I may see it and do it; that I may know Thee, and the power of Thy resurrection, and express it in turning from all mine iniquities; that I may no longer flatter myself with a formal, external, serving of Thee, with being a hearer of Thy word, a partaker of Thy Sacraments, and a professor of Thy truth, or a knower of Thy will; but may labour to join to these an uniform, faithful obedience to Thy whole gospel, a ready, cheerful subjection to Thy kingdom; that Thou mayest rule and reign in my heart by faith, and that I, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, may grow in grace, and in the practical knowledge of Thee, our Lord and Saviour, and persevering unto the last, may attain the reward of my faith, and the fruit of my labours, the perfection of my charity, and the crown of my hope; an everlasting blessed life of love and holiness with Thee, O Father of mercies,

O God of all consolations, O holy and sanctifying Spirit, O blessed Trinity, co-eternal: to which, One Infinite Majesty, be most humbly ascribed the honour, glory, power, praise, might, majesty, and dominion, which, through all ages of the world, have been given to Him who sitteth upon the throne, to the Holy Spirit, and to the Lamb, for evermore. Amen.—*Dr. Hammond.*

FOR MORTIFICATION.

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to Thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.—*First Sunday in Lent.*

ANOTHER.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest Thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey Thy blessed will; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER ON GIVING ALMS.

O CRUCIFIED Love, whenever I see Thee in any of Thy poor members, hungry, or naked, or in distress, O let the remembrance of Thy love in dying for me engage me to contribute all I can to Thy relief; O may I ever be liberal in my alms to Thee, who wert so liberal of Thy inestimable blood for me.—Amen.—*Bp. Ken.*

ANOTHER.

I ACKNOWLEDGE, O Lord, that all I possess is the effect of Thy bounty ; it is from Thee I have received, and to Thy holy name be the glory. Accept of this free-will offering, as a testimony of that love and charity to my necessitous brethren which Thou requirest, and art pleased to take as done to Thyself. Grant that all my alms-deeds may be performed with such purity of intention, and in such a proportion to what Thou hast given me, that they may be acceptable to Thee, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.—*New Manual.*

EJACULATIONS BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES.

GIVE me, O God, a love for Thy Scriptures, and a true understanding of them.

O Holy Spirit, make me to understand, embrace, and love the truths of the Gospel.

Give me grace to read Thy holy word with reverence and respect becoming the gracious manifestation of Thy will to men ; submitting my understanding and will to Thine. Cause me, O God, to believe Thy word, to obey Thy command, to fear Thy judgments, and to hope in, and depend upon, Thy gracious promises, contained in Thy holy word, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that in reading Thy holy word, I may never prefer my private sentiments before those of the Church in the purely ancient times of Christianity.—*Bp. Wilson.*

A PARAPHRASE ON THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father.

GLORY be to Thee, O Jesu, who hast taught us to whom to direct our prayers, to God only, since He

only is omniscient to know, and all-sufficient to succour us in all our necessities. Glory be to Thee, who hast taught us for whose sake only we can hope to be heard ; for it is through Thy alone mediation that we sinners can call God Father, or have access to His throne. Glory be to Thee, who hast taught us to pray with the affections of a child, with reverential love and reliance on the paternal care, benignity, and love of our heavenly Father. And in teaching me to call God our Father, hast taught me not to confine my charity to myself, but to pray with the affections of a brother for all Christians, and for all mankind. O give me that brotherly kindness to all, that I may beg the same blessing for them as for myself, and earnestly pray that they may all share with me in Thy Fatherly love.

Our Father, merciful and gracious ; Thou hast given us the portion and food of sons, oh make us to do the duty of sons, that we may never lose our title to so glorious an inheritance. Let this excellent name and title, which Thou hast vouchsafed to us, be our glory and confidence, our defence and guard, our ornament and strength, our dignity, and the endearment of obedience, the principle of a holy fear to Thee our Father, and of love to Thee and to the brethren.

Unite every member of Thy Church to Thee in holy bands ; *let there be no more names of division, nor titles of error ; let not us who are brethren contend except for the faith, but not to the breach of charity, or the denying each other's hope.* But grant that we may all join in the promotion of the honour of Thee, our Father, and in celebrating the name and spreading the family of our elder Brother ; that, despising the transitory entertainments of this world, we may labour for, and long after, the inheritance to which Thou hast given us title. For ever let Thy Spirit witness to our

spirit that we are Thy children, and enable us to cry
 "Abba, Father!"

Which art in heaven.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou beloved of the Father, who hast taught me to pray with the humility of a suppliant, with that awe that becomes a frail creature, a miserable sinner, before his Creator and Judge. O Father Almighty, let my soul fly up to Thee, when I pray, in heavenly thoughts, desires, and love. O let me savour nothing of earth whenever I treat with Thee in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy Name.

O Lord God, may Thy glorious name have a love and honour separate and incommunicable. May Thy infinite goodness and greatness be for ever, by all men, and all angels, confessed, admired, adored, and magnified, both in private and public, in our hearts, our mouths, and our lives.

All creatures share in Thy goodness, O God ; let all creatures help us to glorify Thy name.

Oh may every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

Thy name, O God, is glorious, and in Thy name is our hope and confidence. Thou art worthy, O Lord, of honour, and praise, and glory for ever and ever. We confess Thy glories, we rejoice in Thy mercies ; for Thy name is praised unto the ends of the world ; it is believed by faith, relied upon by a holy hope, and loved by a great charity. All Thy Church celebrates Thee with praises, and offers to Thy name the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving. Thou, O God, hast imprinted Thy name upon us, and hast honoured us with the gracious appellative of Christians. Oh let us never dishonour so excellent a title, nor profane Thy holy name, but for ever glorify it. Let our life be answerable to our dignity ; that our bodies may be

chaste, our thoughts clean, our words gracious, our manners holy, and our life useful and innocent, that men seeing our good works, may glorify Thee our Father which art in heaven.

Thy kingdom come.

O Thou high and lofty One, who inhabitest eternity, may Thy kingdom of grace, the Church militant, the catholic seminary of divine love, come to its utmost evangelical perfection in this life; oh may Thy gospel, Lord, be daily propagated, unbelieving nations converted, and the number of Thy saints augmented: grant, O Lord God, that Thy true Religion fixed and established by Thee in Thy spiritual kingdom, may be loved, honoured, and obeyed; and that Thy faithful subjects may be protected against all the malice of wicked men, or the Powers of darkness.

O my God, let it be Thy good pleasure to put a period to sin and misery, to infirmity and death; to complete the number of Thy elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom of glory, that I, and all that wait for Thy salvation, may, in the Church triumphant, eternally love and praise Thee.

Let Thy kingdom be set up gloriously over us, and do Thou reign in our spirits by Thy Spirit of grace; subdue every lust and inordinate appetite, trample upon our pride, mortify all rebellion within us, and let all Thine and our enemies be brought into captivity, that sin may never reign in our mortal bodies; but that Christ may reign in our understanding by faith, in the will by charity, in the passions by mortification, in all the members by a right and chaste use of them. And when Thy kingdom that is within us hath flourished, and is advanced to that height whither Thou hast designed it, grant Thy kingdom of glory may speedily succeed, and we Thy servants be admitted to the peace and purity, the holiness and glories of that state where Thou reignest alone, and art all in all.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.

O my God, Thy will and Thy commands are most holy, just, and good, and condescending to our weakness, and by no means grievous; oh give me grace conscientiously to observe them. Thy blessed angels, O Lord, always behold Thy face in heaven; they have the beatific vision of Thy incomparable amiableness; they cannot but unalterably choose Thee; they must needs, to their utmost capacity, praise and love Thee: they cannot possibly offend Thee; they ever perfectly obey Thee, and are always on the wing at Thy command. Lord, give me grace, in imitation of the blessed spirits above, to set Thee always before me. O fix my serious contemplation on Thee. Ravish my soul with a lively sense of Thy infinite amiableness. Oh vouchsafe me one short glimpse of Thy goodness. Oh! may I once taste and see how gracious Thou art, that all things besides Thee may be tasteless to me, that my desires may be always flying up toward Thee, that I may render Thee love, and praise, and obedience pure and cheerful, constant and zealous, universal and uniform, like that the holy angels render Thee in heaven.

Thy will, O God, is the measure of holiness and peace. Let Thy will also be the measure of our desires; for we know that whatsoever Thou sayest is true, and whatsoever Thou doest is good. Grant we may submit our wills to Thine, being patient of evils which Thou inflictest, lovers of the good which Thou commandest, haters of all evil which Thou forbiddest, pleased with all the accidents Thou sendest; that though our nature is weaker than angels, yet our obedience may be as humble, our conformity to Thy will may arise up to the degrees of unity: that as they in heaven, so we on earth, may obey Thy will *promptly, cheerfully, zealously, and with all our faculties.* And grant, that as they there, so all the world here, may

serve Thee with peace and concord, purity and love unfeigned, with one heart and one voice glorifying Thee our heavenly Father.

Grant that we may quit all our own affections, and suspect our reasonings, and go out of ourselves, and all our own confidences; that Thou being to us all things, disposing all events, and guiding all our actions, and directing our intentions, and overruling all things in us and about us, we may be servants of Thy divine will for ever.

Gibe us this day our daily bread.

Glory be to Thee, O heavenly Benefactor, who openest Thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Oh let it be Thy good pleasure to give me, and all that wait on Thy beneficent love, our food in due season, even all the necessities of life; we beg not of Thee for the gratification of luxury, but such a competency as Thy divine wisdom sees fittest for us. And teach us to live without covetous anxiety for to-morrow, depending on Thy fatherly goodness; to be content and thankful for the present portion with which Thy love has indulged us; and give Thy blessing to what we enjoy by honest labour, or a lawful title. Above all, O merciful Lord, give us the bread of life, the bread that came down from heaven, the Body and Blood of Thy beloved Son, to feed our souls to life eternal. Blessed Jesu! oh that it might be my meat, as it was Thine, to do the will of our heavenly Father.

Clothe us, O God, with fitting provisions, according to that state and condition wherein Thou hast placed us; that we may not be tempted with want, nor made contemptible by beggary, nor wanton nor proud by riches, nor in love with anything in this world; but that we may use it as strangers and pilgrims, as the relief of our needs, and the support of our infirmities.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

For Thy own infinite mercy's sake, and for the merits of the Son of Thy love, forgive me, and all penitent sinners, our sins, known or unknown, of omission or commission, which are the vast debts we owe to Thy vindictive justice. Forgive us, O Lord, as we forgive all our greatest enemies their trespasses against us, which are infinitely inconsiderable in comparison of our trespasses against Thee. Glory be to Thee, who, to teach us charity, hast made our forgiveness of others the condition of obtaining Thine. O easy, O gracious condition of pardon! who would not forgive his brother a few pence in this life, to have ten thousand talents forgiven in the next?

Oh let my love, Lord, learn from Thine; not only to forgive my enemies, but to be zealous also to do them good.

O God, look upon us with much mercy, for we have sinned grievously against Thee. Pardon the imperfections of our life, the weakness of our duty, the carelessness of our spirit, our affected ignorance, our (want of) diligence, our rashness and want of observation, our malice and presumptions. Turn Thine eyes from our impurities, and behold the brightness and purest innocence of the Holy Jesus, and under His cover we plead our cause, not that Thou shouldest judge our sins, but give us pardon, and blot out all our iniquities, that we may never enter into the horrible regions where there are torments without ceasing, a prison without a ransom, reproaches without comfort, anguish without patience, darkness without light, a worm that never dieth, and fire that is never quenched.

But be pleased, also, to give us great charity, that we may truly forgive all that trouble or injure us, that by this character Thou mayest discern us to be Thy

sons and servants, disciples of the Holy Jesus ; lest our prayer be turned into sin, and Thy grace be recalled, and Thou enter into final anger against Thy servants.

And lead us not into temptation.

O Lord God, Thou knowest how our ghostly enemies, the world, the flesh, and the devil, are every moment soliciting, enticing, and tempting us to evil ; oh be merciful to us, save, and help, and deliver us. Thou seest how infirm I am, and how ready my own deceitful heart is to surrender itself to the tempter ; and I know that Satan cannot tempt me without Thy permission ; oh suffer me not, if it be Thy good pleasure, to fall into violent or lasting temptations, that may endanger my perseverance. But, O my God, if Thou, for trial of my love, lead me into great temptation, and let me continue under it ; Thy will, Lord, be done, not mine : oh let Thy paternal tenderness limit and control the tempter ; and let Thy all-sufficient grace restrain my constraint, and keep me always on my guard, watching and praying ; and let me at last be more than conqueror.

Gracious Father, we are weak and ignorant ; our affections betray us ; our adversary the devil goeth about seeking whom he may devour ; he is busy and crafty, malicious and powerful, watchful and envious. Pity us, and give us spiritual strength, holy resolutions, a watchful spirit, the whole armour of God, and Thy protection, the guard of angels, and the conduct of Thy Holy Spirit, to be our security in the day of danger.

Give us Thy grace to fly from all occasions to sin, that we may never tempt ourselves ; and let Thy blessed Providence so order the accidents of our lives, that we may not dwell near an enemy ; and when Thou shalt try us, and suffer us to enter into combat, let us always be on Thy side, and resist the

devil, and endure patiently, and persevere constantly unto the end, that Thou mayest crown Thy own work in us.

But deliver us from evil.

O Father of mercy, deliver me, for Thy goodness' sake, from the evil of sin and the evil of punishment, and from all suggestions to evil; for all that is evil is most hateful to Thee, who art Infinite Goodness, and is most destructive of Thy love: and, therefore, from all evil, O Almighty Lord, defend me.

From sin and shame, from the malice and fraud of the devil, and from the falseness of men, from all Thy wrath, from all our impurities, good Lord, deliver us Thy servants.

“Deliver us from evil.” From the evil of sin, by Thy grace; and from the evil of punishment, by Thy mercy; and from the author of all evils, the devil; from the temporal evils and miseries of this life, and from the evils of a sad eternity in the life to come; from Thy wrath and from everlasting damnation.—
Sherlock

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

I adore and love Thee, O Jesu, who, by concluding this prayer in this manner, hast taught us, that the right end of our prayers should be the glory of God, that we should be ever careful to mix praise with our prayers, and to be as zealous to give thanks for what we receive, as to pray for what we want.

To Thee, O Lord God, do we pray; on Thee only we rely and depend for acceptance; to Thee only we offer up our praises; for Thine is the kingdom, and sovereign right to dispose of all things; Thine is the power Almighty, to relieve and bless us; Thine is the glory; all the communications of Thy goodness,

as They flow from Thee, return to Thee again, in sacrifices of love, of praises, and adoration.

Oh give us hearts yielding a willing obedience to the laws of Thy kingdom, full of reverence and awful fear of Thy power, studious to advance Thy glory upon earth; that we may in the end arrive at Thy kingdom in heaven, where Thou livest and reignest, blessed Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Amen.

For the sake, O heavenly Father, of Thy Beloved, in whom all Thy promises are Amen; and who is Himself the Amen; the faithful and true Witness of Thy love to us; hear me, and pardon my wanderings and coldness, and help me to sum up and enforce my whole prayer, all my own wants, and all the wants of those I pray for, in a hearty, and fervent, and comprehensive Amen.

Grant, Lord, that I may always beg Thy blessings in their due order; that I may pray for spiritual blessings with holy violence and importunity; and for temporal, with resignation to Thy will.—*Bps. Taylor and Ken.*

PRAYER FOR REALIZING THE DIVINE PRESENCE.

O ALMIGHTY God, infinite and eternal, Thou fillest all things with Thy presence; Thou art everywhere by Thy essence and by Thy power; in heaven by glory, in holy places by Thy grace and favour, in the hearts of Thy servants by Thy Spirit, in the consciences of all men by Thy testimony and observation of us. Teach me to walk always in Thy presence, to fear Thy majesty, to reverence Thy wisdom and omniscience; that I may never dare to commit any indecency in the eye of my Lord and Judge; but that I may with so much reverence and care demean myself, that my Judge may not be my accuser, but

my advocate : that I expressing the belief of Thy presence here, by careful walking, may feel the effects of it in the participation of eternal glory, through Jesus Christ. Amen

FOR THE FEAR OF GOD.

O GLORIOUS Majesty, who only art high, and to be feared, possess my soul with a holy awe and reverence of Thee, that I may give Thee the honour due to Thy name, and may bear such a respect to all things which relate to Thee, that I may never profane any holy thing, or sacrilegiously invade what Thou hast set apart to Thyself. And, O Lord, since Thou art a God that wilt not clear the guilty, let the dread of Thy Justice make me tremble to provoke Thee in anything. Oh let me not misplace my fear, as to be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man who shall be made as grass, and forget the Lord my Maker ; but replenish my soul with the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, which may be as a bridle to all my brutish appetites, and keep me in a constant conformity to Thy holy will. Hear me, O Lord, I beseech Thee, and put this fear in my heart, that I may not depart from Thee, but may with fear and trembling work out my own salvation, through Jesus Christ.

FOR TRUST IN GOD IN SICKNESS.

O ALMIGHTY God, our only help in time of trouble, look with pity and compassion upon me, now under Thy afflicting hand. Be Thou my stay and confidence under all my sorrows and afflictions, and suffer me not to sink under the weight of them, through any dejections, or faintness of spirits. Give me such an entire trust and confidence in Thy mercy, through the merits of my dear Redeemer, that I may cast all my

care upon Thee, and with cheerfulness commit myself into Thy hands, believing that all things shall work together for good to them that love Thee. Make me ready and willing to yield to Thy wisdom, and to prefer Thy will before my own; to bear what Thou pleasest, and to be eased of my burden in Thy time, which is always best. But, O Lord, however Thou art pleased to deal with my body, yet spare my soul, I beseech Thee, and deliver it from the bitter pains of eternal death. Oh take me not out of this world till Thou art reconciled to me, and hast fitted me in some measure for Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant, O Lord, that whether I live, I may live unto Thee; or whether I die, I may die unto Thee; so that living or dying I may be Thine, through Jesus Christ, my ever blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.—*New Manual.*

[For the Love of God, see Office for Holy Communion.]

A PRAYER IN TIME OF TEMPTATION.

O HEAVENLY and most merciful Father, I most humbly beseech Thee, for Thy Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy upon me, and succour me in these terrible assaults and temptations of the devil; deliver my soul from all his power and craft; send me strength from above, that I may retain my integrity, may resist the enemy, and stand steadfast in the day of trial. Be Thou my strong rock, and castle of defence, that, being preserved through Thy grace and assistance, I may continue Thy faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end.

Nourish all the seeds of grace that are grown in my heart, and make them fruitful unto every good word and work. Give me the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and all other christian graces; and that I may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make me ever

to love that which Thou dost command ; and this I beg through the merits, and for the sake, of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Oh let me turn away my ears from the deceitful tempter, and resolve to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; let me resist the first motions of sin in my mind, and fly from the company and conversation of those that would seduce me to evil, and betake myself to those means which reason and religion, and the dictates of Thy Holy Spirit, shall instruct me are proper to subdue the temptations I am now under: and, oh let the mighty power of Thy grace animate my courage, and strengthen my faith, that nothing may stop me in my christian warfare; but that fighting manfully under Christ's banner, against the world, the flesh, and the devil, I may at last triumph with Him in His heavenly kingdom, where there shall be no more conflict with sin, but I shall love and praise Thee throughout all ages. Amen.—*Spinckes, and New Manual.*

A PRAYER FOR RESIGNATION TO THE WILL
OF GOD.

HEAR me, most merciful Saviour, I humbly beseech Thee, and let Thy grace be ever present with Thy weak, unworthy servant. I am not able of myself to do or think anything that is good. Oh let Thy Spirit assist my poor endeavours; vanquish the temptations that so thick beset me; fix my inconstant mind, and follow me all the days of my life, that I may persevere in good works unto the end. Regulate my affections and desires; and confine them to such objects only as are well-pleasing in Thy sight. Let Thy will be the guide and measure of mine, and let mine steadily conform to Thy pleasure. Remove far from me all inclinations and aversions, but such as agree with those of the blessed Jesus. Help me to die daily to the world, and to the things of the world;

and mortify my vanity to that degree, that even shame and contempt, for Thy sake, may be not only supportable, but welcome to me. Let all my hopes and wishes centre in Thee alone; and nothing appear desirable in comparison of a pure heart and peaceful conscience: for Thou, O Lord, art my peace, Thou my only rest; in Thee alone is pleasure and true satisfaction, and all without Thee is misery and torment. Oh grant me this blessed retreat, this happy security, that I may abandon all the false appearances of happiness here below, and find soft ease and sweet repose in Thy love and favour, Thou true, Thou chief, Thou eternal Good of pious souls; to whom be all honour and glory for evermore.—*Dr. Stanhope.*

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION.

SHOOT forth, O blessed Jesu, the bright beams of Thy heavenly and eternal light, that it may enlighten all the dark corners of my heart, and effectually scatter every cloud of ignorance and error, which now hang so thick over me. Call home my wandering thoughts, and repulse the temptations which furiously assault me. Fight Thou my battles, and subdue those lusts which are ever striving to devour me; that, by Thy power, the wilderness may be turned into a palace, and instead of raging passions, no sounds may be heard there but songs of praise. Thou, Lord, who commandest the winds and the waves, and they obey Thee, (Mark i.) silence the storms within my breast; say to that troubled sea, Be still, and immediately there shall be peace, and a profound calm. Send out Thy light and Thy truth, and warm this barren soil; for such am I, till softened and impregnated by the Sun of Righteousness. Pour down Thy grace upon me plentifully, and water me with Thy refreshing moisture, which, like seasonable showers, and gentle dew, may fatten my soul, and enable it to bring forth generous fruit, in great abundance. Raise

and refine my mind, pressed down with the dross of earthly desire, and draw my affections up to heaven, and heavenly objects; that the sweet relish of that bliss above may give me a disgust and loathing to all the nauseous pleasures here below. Deliver, or rather snatch me away, with a holy violence, from all the perishing comforts of this mortal state; for my thirst of happiness, I find, is greater than any creature can either quench, or in a good degree assuage. Unite me to Thyself with inviolable bands of holy love, so shall my soul be satisfied; for Thou alone canst answer all my longings; and the whole world, without Thee, is trifle, and emptiness, and nothing. Now to Thee, O blessed Jesu, do I fly for refuge; Lord, I beseech Thee, shelter one of Thy most unworthy servants under the shadow of Thy wings for ever, and place me among those holy seraphs who are continually singing hallelujahs to the Lamb which sitteth upon the throne, which was, which is, and which is to come.—*Ibid.*

A PRAYER FOR PURITY OF HEART, AND HEAVENLY WISDOM.

ESTABLISH me, Lord, with Thy free Spirit, (Psalm li. 2,) that, being strengthened in the inner man, I may purge my soul from all vain anxiety, and banish idle fears, and get over the discouragements and distracting troubles of the world. Let not the wild and impatient desires of anything here, though never so alluring, or seemingly valuable, perplex my thoughts, and draw me off from Thee. Give me grace to consider myself, and all below, as things full of vanity, and of very short continuance; for such, indeed, are all things under the sun—vexation of spirit, and altogether lighter than vanity itself. And he who constantly looks upon them as such, is the truly, the only wise man.

Impart to me, then, O my God, I beseech Thee,

that heavenly wisdom, which may dispose me to seek Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness; to sell all for this one pearl of great price; and to esteem myself rich in no treasure but Thee; to love and delight in Thee alone; to take satisfaction in all things else, in such degrees, and in subordination to such purposes only, as Thou hast appointed; and so receive every dispensation of Providence, with such a spirit and temper as become my duty, and may render it serviceable to the ends for which Thou sentest it. Grant me such prudence and conduct in all my conversation, that I may decline and despise the insinuations of flatterers, and meekly receive the contradiction and reproaches of gainsayers and slanderers; for this is wisdom indeed, when a man is not carried about with every blast of air, but stops his ears against the syren's charm; and resolutely proceeds in a straight, steady course of virtue, in despite of all the subtlety of those who labour to entice, or the malice of them who would terrify and drive him from it. Grant me, O Lord, these inestimable gifts, for the honour of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Ibid.*

A DEVOUT PRAYER TO THE HOLY JESUS.

MY Hope, my Christ, my God, Saviour and Lover of men, Thou Light and Way, Thou Life and Health, Thou Glory and Grace of all that love and serve Thee; look down from the throne of Thy Majesty, and in the midst of bliss, remember the injuries and sufferings, the scourges and the cross, the wounds and death, which Thou enduredst, and think with favour on Thy suppliant, for whose sake Thou wast pleased to endure and do so much.

Thou art my living and true God; my holy Father, my gentle and kind Master, my great King, my good Shepherd, my only Teacher, my most ready and effectual Helper, my dearest and most beautiful

Spouse, my true and living Bread, my everlasting High-Priest, my Guide to my own country, my true Light, my right Way, my best Wisdom, my holy Delight, my unspotted Purity, my Reconciliation and Peace, my sure Defence, my most desirable Portion, my eternal Health, my unbounded Mercy, my invincible Patience, my unblemished Sacrifice, my perfect Redemption, my assured Hope, my universal Charity, my Resurrection from the dead, my everlasting Life, my Joy and Beatific Vision for ever. Of Thee I beg that I may walk by Thee, come to Thee, rest in Thee, O Thou Way, Thou Truth, Thou Life; without which no man cometh to the Father. Thou, even Thou, art the blessing my soul wants, and most earnestly desires, my sweetest, loveliest, only Lord.

O Brightness of Thy Father's glory; who from Thy throne, far above the cherubims, seest all the secrets of the great deep; thou true, enlivening, unexhausted Light, which angels long to be illuminated with, and spend glad ages in beholding. Spring forth into my soul and scatter the thick darkness there, that the brightness of Thy love may shine and shed itself through every corner of my benighted heart. Give me Thyself, O God, give me Thy love in return; for that I love Thee, Thou knowest; and if it be too little, I desire to love Thee more ardently. Amen.—
St. Augustine.

FOR THE IMITATION OF THE HOLY LIFE AND EXAMPLE
OF JESUS.

O THOU, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life! great Physician of souls! my soul desires to conform to Thy great example. O my Saviour, I want Thy Spirit to change me into Thy image, from glory to glory. My heart is stubborn, my will perverse. Oh do Thou bow it, make it ready; make me willing for this work.

Thou tookest up Thy cross, oh let me not dream of a bed of roses. Thou wast subject to Thy parents, make me submissive to my superiors. Thou didst resist temptations, oh let me not be overcome by them. Thou didst despise the world, let me not be enamoured with it. Thou wentest about doing good, let me not be backward to works of charity. Thou didst deny Thyself, let me not indulge my vain desires. Thou didst work while the day did last, oh let me not harden my heart in this my day. Thou wast humble, oh let the same humility take root in my soul. Thou wast meek, oh let this meekness be the rule of all my actions. Thou didst bear with the weak, oh let me be tender-hearted and gentle too. Thou didst patiently endure injuries, let me not fret and murmur under them. Thou wast faithful in all Thy Father's house, let me be so in the duties of my calling and relations. Thou didst do Thy Father's will, let me not pretend impediments. Thou didst good for evil, let me not recompense sin for sin. Thou didst spend Thyself for the good of mankind, let me not indulge my ease too much. Thou didst entirely resign Thyself to Thy Father's pleasure, under the severest trials, oh teach me this self-resignation too. Oh let not lukewarmness spoil my soul; nor the frowns of men make me ashamed of Thee and Thy Gospel. Oh then I will not tarry, I will make haste, and conform to Thy example. I will walk as my Saviour walked. O my Lord! make me holy, as Thou art holy: perfect, as my Father which is in heaven is perfect. O my Lord, there is no other way to glory but by Thee. Thou camest not to do Thine own will, but the will of Him that sent Thee;—put Thine arms under me, and I will not do mine own will; I will go through briers and thorns, through good report and evil report. Oh chase away all slavish fear from my soul; let me not be afraid of difficulties. What can be difficult, where Thou art both the

Guide and the Encourager? The sight of Thy Cross shall be my motive. I will draw arguments from that remembrance of Thy death, to die unto the world. I will travel with Thee; I will sail through the boisterous sea of this life with Thee. And oh! my Jesus, let me arrive safe at last in the everlasting harbour. Amen. Amen.—*Horneck.*

FOR A MORTIFIED SPIRIT.

BLESSED Jesus, who pleasedst not Thyself, but tookest upon Thee the form of a servant, to teach mankind the great duty and blessings of self-denial; assist me to follow Thy commands and Thy holy example. Give me resolution to deny my inclinations for the good things of this world, even while I may command them; to subdue my corrupt affections, and to take revenge upon myself—for my intemperance, by mortification; for misspending my time, by retirement; for the errors of my tongue, by silence; and for all the sins of my life, by a deep humiliation, patiently submitting to all the troubles with which Thou shalt think fit to exercise or punish me; so that being effectually weaned from this world, and weary of its corruptions, I may long to repose myself in the grave, in hopes of a better life, through Thy mercy and merits, O Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.—*Bp. Wilson.*

FOR MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY.

O MOST merciful Father, who knowest the vanity and infirmities of human nature, and dost promise to pity and forgive them, have mercy upon me, vain dust and ashes, and forgive all my vanity and ambition. Let not the reputation or opinion of anything that is great or good in me puff me up, or make me insolent and unkind to the meanest person; but do Thou, O blessed Father, who puttest a value on the ornament

of a meek and humble spirit, subdue every proud and aspiring thought, and teach me to learn of Him who is meek and lowly, that I may find rest to my soul from all those vanities which attend on haughtiness and ambition. Preserve in my mind a constant remembrance of the Lord Jesus; that I may delight to tread in the steps of His humility, and study to be endued abundantly with the same spirit that was in Him. May I never seek great things for myself in this life, nor be ambitious of the praise of men, neither use any of Thy gifts to the injury of others; but, with true meekness and lowliness of mind, I may ever seek the profit and peace of all; being respectful and obedient to my superiors; courteous among my equals; condescending to men of low estate; and giving all the praise to Thee. Grant me these things for the sake of Him who was the great pattern of meekness and humility, Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.—*Inett and Patrick.*

FOR THE LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBOUR.

GRACIOUS God, who art good and doest good, who extendest Thy loving-kindness to all mankind; suffer me not to exclude any from my charity who are the objects of Thy tenderness and mercy: but let me treat all my neighbours with that love and good-will which is due to Thy servants and children. Make me ready to embrace all occasions that may minister to their happiness, by assisting the needy, protecting the oppressed, instructing the ignorant, reproofing the wicked and profane. Grant that I may look upon the defects and frailties of my neighbour as if they were mine own, that I may conceal them; and making Thy love to me, O blessed Jesus, the pattern of my love to them, may, above all things, endeavour to promote their eternal welfare. Oh let me not think anything too dear to part with to set forward the

everlasting good of my fellow-Christians. They are the members of Thy Body, therefore I will cherish them ; Thou hast redeemed them with an inestimable price, therefore will I endeavour to rescue them from a state of destruction ; that thus adorning Thy holy Gospel, by doing good according to my power, I may at last be received into the endearments of Thy eternal love, and sing praises to the Lamb who was slain, and sitteth upon the throne, to whom be glory for ever. Amen. Amen.—*Spinckes.*

A PRAYER TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE.

O MOST holy and ever-blessed Jesus, who wast pleased to die for sinners, have pity and compassion upon me, a miserable sinner ; and that the imitation of Thy life and sufferings may fit me for the merits and blessings thereof, let Thy grace and goodness give a due influence to Thy example. Let Thy exemplary patience and holy resignation teach me to resign myself and my will to the hand and will of God in all his dispensations ; Thy charity to forgive, Thy meekness to humble every aspiring thought, and preserve a spirit of calm and ease amidst all the injuries and provocations that befall me. Let the power of Thy death overcome all my propensities to sin, and Thy sufferings atone for it : and since Thou livest for ever to make intercession for sinners, and hast promised to save to the uttermost all such as come unto Thee, Lord, hear my prayers, forgive my sins, and save me in the day of wrath, O Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ONE DEPRESSED IN SPIRIT.

O MOST blessed and gracious God, who alone can heal a wounded spirit, and quiet a troubled mind, look with pity on Thy servant, oppressed with a load

of misery. Unto Thee do I cry for help; O Thou great Physician of soul and body, uphold and comfort my weak and dejected spirit, strengthen it against all inordinate vain fears and terrors, and deliver me from all unprofitable troubles of mind, and causeless scruples of conscience. I beseech Thee, O blessed Saviour, hear my complaint, and take away this plague from me. It is with this most earnest petition that I now come before the throne of Thy mercy. Remove this distemper, I beseech Thee, whether it be in my body or in my soul: oh speak the word, and I shall be whole. I ask Thee in submission to Thy will and pleasure. If it is sent to punish me for any past sins, or restrain me from sins, or to make me humble, or exercise my patience and trust in Thee, "not my will, but Thine be done." Make me content to bear it, though it be a very sore affliction: if Thou shalt think fit to continue it, support me under it with the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. But if I am fit for so great a mercy, oh let this torment of soul depart from me; that being restored to an easy, free, cheerful, and active frame of spirit, I may serve Thee with more delight and vigour in all the duties of my heavenly calling. Blessed Jesus, my Saviour and Redeemer, let my complaint come before Thee. Amen. Amen.—*New Manual*.

A PRAYER FOR ONE TEMPTED TO DESPAIR.

HAVE mercy upon me, O blessed Jesus, Thou compassionate Lover of souls! I come unto Thee, for Thy merits are infinite, and far surpass not only my offences, but those of the whole world. I will, therefore, hope in Thy name, in Thy merits, and in Thy intercession. Thou art almighty, and able to relieve me; Thou art all goodness, and therefore willing to assist me. I confess, with grief of heart, that my sins are many and very great; but greater is Thy

mercy to penitent sinners. Great is the malice of the powers of darkness, and great is my own weakness; but much greater is Thy power and goodness: therefore when my fears press hard upon me, I will hope in Thy mercy, and put my trust and confidence in Thee. Thou art able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Thee; and Thou hast promised, that those who come unto Thee, Thou wilt by no means cast out. Hear me, I beseech Thee, O merciful Saviour, in this my distressed condition; speak peace to my troubled conscience; comfort and support me under all dejections of mind; give me patience and submission under Thine afflicting hand; and if it be Thy will, a speedy and happy deliverance from all my doubts and fears, and say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation. Have mercy upon me, O blessed Spirit, God of love, Thou powerful advocate and sweetest Comforter: infuse Thy grace into my heart, and scatter there Thy cheerful beams; and dispel these thoughts and apprehensions, which terrify and discompose my mind: and be Thou to me a kind Comforter, and mighty defence in all my wants and distresses, and my ready helper in this time of need, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ON PREPARATION FOR JUDGMENT.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from eternal death, in that day wherein heaven and earth shall be dissolved, when Thou comest to judge the earth. O Lord, in that day where shall I hide myself from the face of Thine anger? O Lord, when Thou comest to judgment, condemn me not, I beseech Thee, but deliver, from the gates of hell, my poor soul, which I commend unto Thee. Acknowledge then, O Lord, Thy creature—make my soul joyful with Thy presence, and remember not my sins, but according to Thy great mercy, think upon me in that day, for the

merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.—
Bp. Andrewes.

[*Or this.*]

O MOST just and holy God, who hast appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment, where every one must receive according to what is done in the body, whether it be good or bad; O Lord, prepare me for this great and dreadful day, and make me such as Thy Son will vouchsafe to own before the angels; pardon my many and crying sins, wash me thoroughly from my offences, and cleanse me from all iniquities, that when this mortal life is ended, I may rejoice in Thy favour, may pass from death to life, and be for ever happy in the felicities of Thy chosen. But lest our God should come in a day and an hour that we look not for Him, and appoint my portion with the unbelievers; Lord, teach me to attend the coming of the Bridegroom, and wait all my days till my change shall come; that when this corruptible shall be changed to an incorruptible body, and we put off these filthy rags, I may be clothed with immortality, and live for ever with Him that died for sinners, Jesus Christ our Lord and blessed Saviour. Amen.—*Inett.*

PRAYER FOR A JOYFUL RESURRECTION.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in Him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by His holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Him; we meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth; and that, at the general resurrection

in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight; and receive that blessing, which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.—*Burial Service.*

A Table

*Of all the Feasts that are to be observed in the Church
of England throughout the Year.*

ALL SUNDAYS in the Year.

The Days of
the Feasts of

The Circumcision of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.
Jan. 1.

The EPIPHANY.

The Conversion of Saint *Paul*. Jan. 25.

The Purification of the Blessed Virgin. Feb. 2.

Saint *Matthias* the Apostle. Feb. 24.

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin. Mar. 25.

Saint *Mark* the Evangelist. Apr. 25.

Saint *Philip* and Saint *James* the Apostles. May 1.

The ASCENSION of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.

Saint *Barnabas*. June 11.

The Nativity of St. *John* Baptist. June 24.

Saint *Peter* the Apostle. June 29.

Saint *James* the Apostle. July 25.

Saint *Bartholomew* the Apostle. Aug. 24.

Saint *Matthew* the Apostle. Sept. 21.

Saint *Michael* and all Angels. Sept. 29.

Saint *Luke* the Evangelist. Oct. 18.

Saint *Simon* and Saint *Jude* the Apostles. Oct. 28.

All Saints. Nov. 1.

Saint *Andrew* the Apostle. Nov. 30.

Saint *Thomas* the Apostle. Dec. 21.

The NATIVITY of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. Dec. 25.

Saint *Stephen* the Martyr. Dec. 26.

Saint *John* the Evangelist. Dec. 27.

The Holy Innocents. Dec. 28.

Monday and Tuesday in Easter-Week.

Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun-Week.

N. B. The Collect of every Sunday, and of all Festivals, is appointed to be said
also on the previous evening.

A Table

Of the Vigils, Fasts, and Days of Abstinence, to be observed in the Year.

The Evens or Vigils before	{	The Nativity of our Lord.
		The Purification of the Blessed Virgin <i>Mary</i> .
		The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin.
		Easter-Day.
		Ascension-Day.
		Pentecost.
		Saint <i>Matthias</i> .
		Saint <i>John Baptist</i> .
		Saint <i>Peter</i> .
		Saint <i>James</i> .
		Saint <i>Bartholomew</i> .
		Saint <i>Matthew</i> .
		Saint <i>Simon</i> and Saint <i>Jude</i> .
		Saint <i>Andrew</i> .
Saint <i>Thomas</i> .		
		All Saints.

Note, That if any of these Feast-Days fall upon a Monday, then the Vigil or Fast Day shall be kept upon the Saturday, and not on the Sunday next before it.

Days of Fasting, or Abstinence.

- I. The Forty Days of Lent.
- II. The Ember-Days at the Four Seasons, being the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after

{	The First Sunday in Lent.
	The Feast of Pentecost.
	<i>September 14.</i>
	<i>December 13.</i>
- III. The Three Rogation-Days, being the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, before Holy-Thursday, or the Ascension of our Lord.
- IV. All the Fridays in the Year, except *Christmas-Day*.

PRAYERS
FOR THE
Feasts and Fasts of the Church;
FROM HICKES AND OTHERS.

[These Prayers are in the plural, so that the sick person may feel he is worshipping with the whole Church.]

Advent.*

BEHOLD, the day of our Lord draws near. Come, let us adore Him.

Prepare now thy ways, O my soul, before the Lord; make thy paths straight, before the face of our God, for He will come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; and blessed are they who are ready to meet Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! &c.

V. Our Lord is come to redeem the world.

R. Our Lord will come to judge the world.

A PRAYER.

O God, by whose providence Thy Church hath appointed the solemn time of Advent to forerun the commemoration of our Saviour's nativity, and prepare its way in our hearts, grant us, we beseech Thee, so devoutly to employ this holy season in meditating upon Thy promises, and gracious preparations of the world for the coming of the Messias; and on the infinitely greater mercies He brought along with Him, and left behind Him; that our hearts may be raised to celebrate the great feast of His nativity with due joy and exultation, and thereby be the better disposed to expect His second coming, who, with Thee and the

* See Paraphrase on the Creed, art. *Judg.*

Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

(See p. 204, and Collect for Advent and Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.)

Nov. 30.—ST. ANDREW.

THE COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

As soon as St. Andrew saw the cross afar off, prepared for his martyrdom, he was transported with joy, and triumphantly saluted it as the happy instrument of his approaching glory. Alleluia! Oh that we may be always ready in like manner to embrace the cross as becomes the disciple of the crucified Jesus, and even with joy to take up that which must bear us to our glorious Master! Alleluia! Oh that we may never despise the doctrine of the Cross, but in courage, and patience, and constancy, and forgiveness of our enemies, follow the steps of this blessed saint as he followed that of Christ, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, and despised the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Alleluia!

[*Read Lessons for the Day.*]

A PRAYER.

O GOD, whose grace kindled in the blessed Apostle Andrew so ardent a love of his Master, that it flamed out in vehement desires of his cross; grant that our devout celebrating the memory of his holy race, and happy reward, may quicken Thy grace in our heart; and encourage us with confidence and joy to undergo whatever sufferings Thy providence casts in our way. Preserve us stedfast in the belief of Thy heavenly truths, and undaunted in the profession of them. Enable us to trust in Thy goodness for support and deliverance under all persecutions, and to fix our faith on those heavenly joys, with which the afflictions of

this life are not worthy to be compared; that, being made partaker of the sufferings of Christ, we may be glad with exceeding joy, when His glory shall be revealed: to whom with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

DEC. 21.—ST. THOMAS.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

O ADMIRABLE sweetness of our Saviour's spirit! Thomas was absent, and incredulous, and peremptory, and our Lord forgives him all, and restores him to His favour with a gentle reproof.

V. Because thou hast seen, O Thomas, thou hast believed.

R. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

[*Read Lessons for the Day.*]

A PRAYER.

O God, whose condescension to convince the incredulity of Thy Apostle St. Thomas, didst turn his hardness into a means of confirming the faith of Thy Church! grant, Lord, we beseech Thee, that this festival memorial of this glorious Apostle attesting our risen Saviour, may quicken our hearts, not only in words, but in life and death, like him, to confess Thy Son Jesus, our Lord and our God, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory. Amen.

ANTIPHONS FOR SEVEN DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Dec. 17.—O ETERNAL Wisdom, which proceedest from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end of creation unto the other, mightily and harmoniously disposing all things, come Thou to teach us the way of understanding.

Dec. 18.—O Lord, and Ruler of the house of Israel,

who appearedst unto Moses in the flame of a burning bush, and gavest to him the Law in Sinai, come to redeem us with a stretched out arm.

Dec. 19.—O Root of Jesse, who art placed for a sign of the people, before whom kings shall shut their mouths, whom the Gentiles shall supplicate, come Thou to deliver, do not tarry.

Dec. 20.—O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel, who openest and none shutteth, who shuttest and none openeth, come Thou, and bring forth the captive from the house of bondage, who sitteth in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Dec. 21.—O rising Brightness of the Everlasting Light, and Sun of Righteousness, come Thou and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Dec. 22.—O King and the desire of all nations, and chief Corner-stone, who makest two to be one, come Thou and save man whom Thou formedst from the clay.

Dec. 23.—O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the gatherer of the people and their Saviour, come Thou to save us, O Lord our God.

DEC. 25.—Christmas-Day.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

TO-DAY for us our Lord was born; come, let us adore Him.

O joyful tidings, worthy of an angel's mouth! Behold to us was born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Wonderful signs, to seek the new-born King of heaven and earth, you shall find him wrapt in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Alleluia. O blessed harmony of the celestial chorus! Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, good-will towards men. Alleluia! Alleluia!

[*Read Psalms and Lessons for the Day.*]

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, Father Almighty, who in compassion to lost man, didst send Thy only Son to become his Redeemer, have mercy upon us. And Thou, O blessed Jesus, who wast born in the form of an helpless infant, and subject to all our infirmities, who wast born in poverty and want, that we might learn to renounce all pride, and follow Thy great humility, look down, we beseech Thee, and vouchsafe to give us Thy grace, that we may make Thee our pattern, and become Thy disciples. Have compassion on us, and perfect in us the work of our redemption; we have no help nor hope but by Thee, no redemption of sin but through Thee, no peace with God but through Thee, no expectation of blessing nor hopes of life but in Thee. Be Thou our God to protect us, our Master to teach us, our Light to direct us, our Redeemer to save us, and help us to give Thee glory and praise henceforth and for ever. Amen.

DEC. 26.—ST. STEPHEN.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

ST. STEPHEN, full of grace and courage, was so glorious a saint in the sight of the people, that none could resist the wisdom and spirit by which he spake. Alleluia!

He cut their hearts with undaunted reproaches of them and their fathers, as betrayers and murderers of the Just One, and of those that foretold His coming. Alleluia!

[*Then read Lessons for the Day.*]

Let us pray.

O God, who in Thy first martyr St. Stephen, hast vouchsafed Thy Church an eminent example of perfect

Christianity, kindle in our hearts, we beseech Thee, a zealous emulation of his graces; that imitating his constancy here, in asserting Thy truth, and his charity by praying for our persecutors, we may with him, hereafter, receive the crown of eternal life, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEC. 27.—ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

THIS is the favourite disciple that leaned on our Lord's breast, at His last supper, and to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven. Alleluia !

This is he in whom meet all those glorious titles, of Apostle, Evangelist, and Prophet, of Martyr, and Confessor. Alleluia !

This is he who above all those glorious titles, delights in this one, incomparably greater than them all, The disciple whom Jesus loved. Alleluia ! Alleluia !

[*Then read Lessons for the Day.*]

Let us pray.

O God, by the prerogative of whose special grace the blessed Apostle St. John obtained that transcendent character of the beloved of his Master, and after became the great doctor of mutual charity over all the world; grant, we beseech Thee, that his sacred memory may excite us also, and encourage us, to have the same purity of body and mind, and steady love of Thee, and sincere charity one for another; and that we may aspire after some share in that blessed title, and its happy consequents, Thy grace here, and Thy glory hereafter, through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth our God with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

DEC. 28.—THE HOLY INNOCENTS.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

THESE were brought from amongst men, as the first-fruits of God and the Lamb, and in their mouths was found no guile, for they are without spot before the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

A voice was heard in Rama, lamentation, and great mourning. Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they were not.

V. Weep not for thy children, Rachel! Behold they are.

R. Be comforted, they are kings, and reign with Christ for ever. Alleluia! Alleluia!

[*Read Lessons for the Day.*]

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the death of the Holy Innocents, hast taught Thy Church that no age nor occasion of suffering for our Saviour is exempt from reward; grant, we beseech Thee, that our celebration of this festival may make us adore the gracious dispensations of Thy providence, that our hearts may be confirmed in an entire resignation to Thy will, and assured that all our sufferings shall conduce to our eternal advantage.

Make us, we beseech Thee, (and the children of this family,) to be as becomes Christ's little ones, children in humility and teachableness, in cheerfulness, in obedience, and in reverence, in gratitude for Thy bounty, and in all dependence on Thee, that so at least Thou mayest embrace us in the arms of Thy mercy, and invite us to the everlasting habitations of Thy Father's house. Amen.

JAN. 1st.—*The Circumcision.*

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

TO-DAY our Lord was circumcised, and received the sweet and saving name of Jesus. Alleluia! Come, let us adore Him! Come, let us adore, &c. To-day our blessed Saviour, that was Lord of the law, and by His perfect purity, absolutely exempt, undertook for us the smart of circumcision, and dishonour of being reckoned among sinners. Alleluia!

To-day was given the name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, of things on earth, of things under the earth. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blessed Jesus! make good to us Thy precious name, and save us from our sins, that now we may begin a new year of virtue, and cancel by a true repentance all the failings of the old. Alleluia!

V. Our infant Lord endured the knife.

R. So circumcise the concupiscence of our hearts.

[Read Lessons for the Day.]

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for our example, didst command Thy beloved Son to submit His pure and innocent flesh to the rigour of the law; and for the encouragement of our hope, gavest Him the name of Jesus; teach us, we beseech Thee, with readiness and humility to obey Thy sacred laws, how contrary soever to our unmortified passions; and in all our necessities, to call with joy and confidence on Thy holy name, in which whatever we ask, Thou hast promised to grant. We humbly adore Thy infinite patience, which hath not cut us off in the midst of our sins, but indulged us a larger time for repentance. Oh give us grace, after so many years of folly, no longer to abuse the

precious time which Thou allowest us to work out our own salvation; but grant that we may henceforth keep a conscience void of offence towards God and man, being rescued from the dominion of our corrupt affections, and confirmed and strengthened in all goodness, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Epiphany.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

TO-DAY the wise men brought presents to our Lord. Alleluia! Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the privileged festival, that comes forth adorned with the glory of three miracles.

To-day the wise men were led by a star to the cradle of our Lord, and falling down adored Him, and offered Him their royal presents, of gold, of frankincense, and myrrh. Alleluia!

Now were the first-fruits of the Gentiles consecrated to the Lord, and that sacred prophecy happily fulfilled, "The Gentiles shall come to Thy light, and kings to the brightness of Thy coming." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[*Lessons for the Day.*]

Let us pray.

MOST gracious God, who didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, by ordering a bright star to point at the rising of this Sun of Righteousness, with healing in His wings; blessed be Thy holy name, for that glorious light which dispersed itself through the dark regions of the world, and

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dispelling the thick clouds of ignorance and idolatry, directed mankind to the true and only worthy object of their worship, and raised their nature to its utmost improvement. Adored be Thy infinite mercy, which brought the joyful sound to this land of my nativity, and permitted it to partake of the gracious influences of Thy distinguishing Providence. Oh may we ever value such an inestimable benefit, by walking as children of the light, and compassionating the miseries of those that sit in darkness! To this end I humbly beseech Thee prosper the undertaking of that Society which is established among us for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts; make the members thereof diligent in that good work; give them wisdom to discern the best and most proper means of promoting it, courage and resolution to pursue it, and, by Thy blessing on their endeavours, the happiness to effect it, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

JAN. 25.—THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

TO-DAY let us remember the great Apostle of the Gentiles miraculously converted to the Christian faith. Come, let us adore the Lord that made him great in the Church. Alleluia!

This day we commemorate how our Lord, in a glorious light, appeared from heaven to the greatest persecutor of His Name, and made him with trembling and astonishment cry out, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Alleluia! He was made blind, that he might see; and of a most bitter persecutor, he straight became a most zealous disciple—nor a disciple only, but an apostle. Alleluia!

We celebrate this day one of the most stupendous changes that ever was wrought,—a conversion the

most wonderful of all conversions, and from which millions of others have been derived. Alleluia! The illustrious convert preaches, undauntedly, the faith he had once destroyed; and he who had persecuted others to death, even lays down his life in defence of the same faith. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTIPHON.

FALLING to the earth, he said, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus." He bowed his heart, and believed. Alleluia! Leaving the earth, he bowed his head to the sword, and went to Jesus, who so miraculously had called him. Alleluia! Alleluia!

V. He fought a good fight; he finished his course; he kept the faith.

R. And, therefore, was there laid up for him a crown of righteousness.

Thou art a vessel of election, O Paul, Doctor of the Gentiles! The great preacher of the truth over all the world. Alleluia!

We praise Thee, O God, for having caused, through the preaching of Thy blessed Apostle St. Paul, the light of Thy Gospel to shine throughout the world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V. He has preached, and lived, and died.

R. And now receiveth his eternal reward. Alleluia!

[*Read Lessons for the Day.*]

Let us pray.

WE adore, O Lord, that miraculous grace which Thou wert pleased to manifest to Thy blessed apostle; and we praise Thy holy Name for that powerful assistance Thou hast promised to all those that follow the example of his piety. Send forth Thy light into our hearts, and make us sensible of all our wicked ways. Stir us up carefully to attend to what Thou

requirest of us, and make us ready to perform it. Let the practice of Thy holy laws bear witness to the inward change of our minds, that no advantage of nature or grace may make us proud or haughty ; that no plenty or abundance may make us sensual and carnal ; that when riches increase, we may not set our hearts on them, but be ready to relieve Thy poor distressed members, both in their souls and bodies. Let no danger or difficulty deter us from a zealous prosecution of our duty ; let no prospect of labour or pains slacken our industry ; but make us stedfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Show mercy, O Lord, to all those who are misled by error, or seduced by vice ; that by Thy heavenly light their blindness may be removed, and their weakness cured, through Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

TO-DAY the Eternal Word was made flesh. Come, let us adore Him. To-day the angel Gabriel was sent from God, to the Virgin Mary, and presented her this honourable salutation, "Hail, thou that art highly-favoured, the Lord is with thee ; blessed art thou among women," &c.

[Then read the Epistle and Gospel.]

A PRAYER.

O ETERNAL God, who didst manifest to Thy humble handmaid Mary, the incarnation of Thy blessed Son, by the message of an angel, grant us, we humbly beseech Thee, with devout admiration, to celebrate the memory of this highest mystery, and to give all thanks and praise to our great Redeemer, who took

human nature upon Him, that we might be partakers of the Divine Nature, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be honour and praise, dominion and power, now and for ever. Amen.

Palm Sunday.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

TO-DAY our Saviour entered Jerusalem in triumph. Come, let us adore Him.

Rejoice, O daughter of Zion! shout for gladness, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, Thy King cometh unto Thee; the Just One, and Thy Saviour. Hosanna!

Show the way for His triumph, and cry aloud, Hosanna; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

He cometh unto Thee, meek and lowly, and riding on a colt the foal of an ass. Hosanna!

Lift up Thy voice and cry, Lo! this is the Lord, whom we have long expected; He Himself is come to redeem us! Lo! this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us. Hosanna! This is the Lord, we have waited for Him; even our God, whom we have long looked for; oh let us be glad, and rejoice in His salvation. Hosanna! Hosanna!

[Then read the Epistle and Gospel, or the proper Lessons.]

A PRAYER.

O GOD, who by this day's solemnities revivest to us the remembrance of our Saviour's triumph, ushering in His Passion; teach us, we beseech Thee, from this instance, the fickleness of this world's glories; and mortify us in our esteem of its most deserved applauses, and bring our hearts cheerfully to expect a cross after them, as the highest way to our eternal

glory with Thee, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Easter-Day.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

THE Lamb of God that was slain, is alive again. And he liveth for ever. Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!

Let us sing Alleluias to the King of glory, because, having laid down His life for our redemption, He is now risen to life immortal. Come, let us rejoice in God our Saviour, because He hath redeemed His people, and is risen, triumphant over the powers of hell. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now salvation is come into the world: let us sing to Him who rose from the grave; to Him who is the Prince of life; for He hath overcome death by His death, and hath given us victory and great mercy.

Thou, O Christ, by Thy glorious Cross hast shamed the devil; by Thy burial Thou hast broken down the gates of Hades; and by Thy resurrection hast blunted the dart of sin, and delivered us from the gate of death: we glorify Thee the only-begotten.

Let us glorify Christ, who being dead, rose from the grave; raised up fallen man with Him, and reconciled him to His heavenly Father; for glory is due to Him alone. Alleluia!

Make this a day of solemnity, because our Lord is exalted above His enemies. Sing to our Lord a new song; let His praise be celebrated in the assembly of saints. Alleluia! Alleluia!

He that raised up Jesus, will also raise us up, and change our vile body into the likeness of His glorious body. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Then read Psalms and Lessons.]

ANTIPHON.

WORTHY is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength; honour, and glory, and blessing be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V. O death! where is thy sting?

R. O grave! where is Thy victory?

Jesus, Redeemer of mankind,

Have mercy upon us.

Thou, who hast cleansed us by Thy blood,

Have mercy, &c.

Jesus, the Conqueror of sin and death,

Have mercy, &c.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us; that we may put off the old man with his deeds.

That we may not be conformed to this world; but denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, we may live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord, that being dead to sin, we may rise to righteousness; and live to Thee.

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Lord Jesus, Son of the living God, who art the brightness of the Father's glory; Thou who art the Light of life; the King of glory, Son of the Virgin, Prince of peace:

Hear us and save us, O Lord.

O mighty Saviour, who wast patient under sufferings, and of a meek and humble spirit; Thou art the very God of very God; the good Shepherd; the Author of eternal life; the perfect Pattern of all virtues; the Lover of our souls—the Friend of the helpless; the way, the truth, and the life:

Have mercy upon us, and save us, O Lord Jesus.

Through the mystery of Thy holy incarnation; through Thy nativity and sacred life; through Thy labours and travels; through Thy agony and bloody sweat; through Thy cross and passion; through Thy precious death and burial; through Thy glorious resurrection and ascension; through all Thy joys and glories;

O Lord Jesus, deliver us.

We flee to Thee for succour, O Holy Son of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities; but protect us against all dangers, O ever-glorious and blessed Saviour.

Pity, O Redeemer! the infirmities of Thy children; strengthen with Thy grace our fainting hearts.

Arm us, O glorious Conqueror of sin and death, against all the assaults of the devil, the world, and the flesh.

Arm all our powers, with the heavenly graces of faith, hope, and charity, that we may resolutely go forward in our way to heaven.

Nail us to Thy cross; crucify us to the world, that being dead to it, we may live to Thee.

O blessed and all-redeeming Blood, which was shed for us freely from Thee the source of life, bathe our polluted souls in Thy purifying streams, and purge away all our impurities.

Cleanse us, O merciful Lord, from our secret faults, and from those darling sins which cleave to us.

A PRAYER.

O GOD, whose gracious Providence restores to Thy Church the face and voice of holy exultation, by the triumphant festival of our Saviour's resurrection! grant, we beseech Thee, that the joy which shines in our looks may flame in our hearts; and by purifying them, make us worthy, through Thy Son's merits, of those high and glorious hopes so firmly sealed to us by

this day's miracle, of rising again at last from our graves; and rejoicing thenceforth for ever in a state of blissful immortality, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who having conquered death, liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

APRIL 25.—ST. MARK, EVANGELIST.

COLLECT.

WE will remember Mark, whose name is Blessed in all the Churches, and praise our Lord for the grace bestowed upon him; and by him upon us also, in compiling his holy history, for a testimony to all ages. Blessed art Thou, O faithful writer of the gospel of peace, and doer of the work of an evangelist, planting gloriously the Church at Alexandria.

Blessed be the grace of God, who hast attested throughout the Catholic Church, the truth delivered to us by this His apostle and evangelist, the chief assistant and companion of St. Peter.

[Read Gospel and Epistle.]

ANTIPHON.

BEAUTIFUL, most beautiful are the feet of those that preach the gospel of peace. They minister before the throne; and they rest not day or night, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Omnipotent, who was, and is, and is to come.

A PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed Thine holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of the blessed Evangelist St. Mark, and hast not abandoned us to

the dim light of our own reason, but in the holy Scriptures hast graciously revealed whatever is necessary for us to believe and practise, in order to our salvation; grant that we may with care and diligence apply ourselves to the reading of those sacred volumes; and do Thou open our eyes, that we may see the wondrous things of Thy law. Give us grace entirely to submit our understanding to Thy Divine authority, and to govern our lives by the rules of Thy gospel, obeying and submitting to Thy blessed Will in every thing. Teach us to obey all Thy commandments, to believe all Thy revelations, and make us partakers of all Thy gracious promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY 1.—ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

AND now it sufficeth thee, Philip, our Lord hath shown thee the Father, and henceforth for ever thou shalt see Him face to face. Alleluia !

Happy art thou, O Philip; and thou, holy James, brother of our Lord, art gloriously happy in enjoying for ever the same blissful vision. Alleluia !

[*Read the Lessons.*]

ANTIPHON.

ST. PHILIP, the powerful Apostle of the Scythians, both crucified and stoned, ascended to his Master. And blessed James, the long revered bishop of Jerusalem, thrown down from the top of the temple, and beaten with a club, breathed out his soul in prayer for his murderers.

V. The senseless world thought them dishonourable.

R. But, behold, their lot is among the blessed.

A PRAYER.

O GOD, by whose grace the blessed Apostles Philip and James watered with their blood the heavenly seed, which they had sown over the world; teach us, by their examples, constancy in suffering for the truth; and let us not shrink in that warfare which has been so triumphantly undergone by men of like infirmities with ourselves; arm us with resolution to confess Thee before men as they did; that neither profit may engage, nor pleasure soften us into any sinful compliance; nor any persecutions make us stagger, or fall from our steadfastness, in the way which leadeth to eternal life. Grant this, O Lord, through the merits of Thy Son Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Ascension of our blessed Lord.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

TO-DAY our glorious Jesus ascended into heaven. Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, let us adore Him.

Raise thy head, O my soul, and look up, and behold the glory of thy crucified Saviour. He that was dead, and laid in the grave low enough to prove Himself man, is risen again, and ascended high enough to prove Himself God. Alleluia!

He is risen, and has made the light His garment, and the clouds His triumphant chariot. The gates of heaven obeyed their Lord, and the everlasting doors opened to the King of glory. Alleluia!

Enter, bright King, attended with Thy glorious angels, enter and repossess Thy throne, and reign eternally at the right hand of the Father. May every knee bow at Thy exalted Name, and every tongue confess Thy glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!

May all created nature adore Thy power, and the Church of the Redeemed exult in Thy goodness.

Oh sing unto our Lord a psalm of joy ; sing praises to the God of our salvation. Sing with a loud and cheerful voice, and with a glad heart. Say to the weak of spirit, be strong ; and unto the sorrowful, be of good comfort. Alleluia !

Tell all the world this soul-reviving truth.—Tell them that the Lord of life is risen again, and has clothed Himself with immortal glory. Alleluia !

[Read Psalms and Lessons.]

V. O GLORIOUS Jesus, our Strength, our Joy, and the life of our souls, be Thou the subject of all our thoughts and desires. Draw us, O Lord, from the world and ourselves, that we be not entangled with any earthly desires.

R. Draw us after Thee, that we may run with delight the way of Thy commandments.

V. Draw us up to Thee on Thy throne of bliss, that we may see Thy Face, and rejoice with Thee for ever.

A PRAYER.

O BLESSED Jesus, on this day we bow down and give Thee thanks for all Thou hast suffered for the redemption of man, for the poverty and humiliation of Thy birth, Thy fasting, Thine agony, Thy scourging, Thy persecutions, Thy passion, Thy death and burial. For all these, O Lord Jesus, be Thy Name blessed, adored, and sanctified. And now we rejoice that Thou art ascended on high, and hast overcome sin, and death, and hell, and hast entered victorious into heaven, there to be adored by the angels, and to be glorified by all the blessed for all eternity. Raise our hearts, we beseech Thee, above all that is sinful, above all worldly cares, and sorrows, and fears, and joys, and vouchsafe to remember us in this vale of tears, this day, and to give us Thy blessing, the blessing of faith and patience, of a

sincere and humble heart, the blessing of purity and charity, and the blessing of peace. And may we continually expect Thy coming again, and be ready to meet Thee in the clouds, and follow Thee into those blissful mansions which Thou art preparing at the right hand of the Father, to whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory. Amen.

Whitsuntide.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

COME, let us adore our God that sanctifies us. Let us humbly implore His grace, to make us worthy to adore our Sanctifier, who from the Father and the Son eternally proceeds, and with Them is worshipped and glorified.

Come, let us adore Him.

He infuses into us the breath of life, and brings us forth in our second birth, which makes us heirs of heaven, and gives us a title to everlasting happiness.

Let us prepare our understandings to assent to His truth, and our wills to follow His Divine inspirations; let us fill our memories with His innumerable mercies, and our souls with the glory of His attributes.

Let us confidently address to Him our petitions, who promises to help the infirmities of our prayers; let us not doubt the bounty of His goodness, but hope He will grant what Himself inspires to ask.

O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art in all places, and fillest all things, the Treasure of blessings, and the Giver of life, descend and rest upon us, and cleanse us from all impurity, and save our souls, O Thou Blessed.

O blessed Spirit, who guidest and preservest the Church of Christ in all truth; illuminating its doctors, strengthening its martyrs, and perfecting its

saints ; Thou Bond of the mystical union between Christ our Head, and us His members ; and between the Church above and below, uniting them in one ;

Have mercy upon us.

Come, Holy Spirit, the free Dispenser of all graces, visit the hearts of Thy faithful servants, and replenish them with Thy sacred inspirations ; illuminate our understandings, inflame our affections with Thy holy fires, that we may offer to Thee the incense of praise ; and sanctify all the faculties of our souls, that we may know and love Thee, and constantly do the will of our God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Amen.

[*Then read the Psalms and Lessons.*]

O THAT we had the tongues of angels and glorified spirits, to speak Thy praise.

Come, let us rejoice before our God, whose Spirit has made us, and doth sanctify us. Come, let us rejoice before Him, who has given us a new life. Let us bless His Name, who, after short heaviness, fills us with joy. Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Great is the Spirit of our Lord, and of great power. His understanding is infinite ; and out of darkness brings forth marvellous light, to the joy of our souls. He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds, and wipes away their tears. He gives medicine to heal our sicknesses, and comforts our souls on the bed of sickness, and a song of rejoicing is put into our mouths. Let nothing now make us afraid ; and let not our hearts be troubled. Yea, let us not be moved, though hell should be stirred against us ; but let us be comforted still in the power of the Holy Ghost, and abide under the shadow of His wings. But while we rejoice in the Spirit of our Lord, we will humble ourselves before His footstool, for we have sinned, and done perversely, and followed our own devices, rather than His holy

inspirations. Let us, however, take comfort in Him, notwithstanding our sins, for He can deliver us from them all.

Wherefore, deliver us, good Lord, from all those sins that exclude this Divine Comforter.

[Here reverently kneel, and devoutly say:]

DELIVER us, O Lord, both from presumption and despair, that we may love and fear Thee.

Deliver us, O Lord, we pray Thee.

Deliver us, and all that are called by Thy Name, from impenitence, hardness of heart, and from opposing Thy truth.

Deliver us, &c.

From relapses into sin; from hypocrisy; from all rashness, and resistance of lawful authority; from censoriousness, and the lust and pride of our own spirits, that our souls may be fitted for Thy presence,

Deliver us, &c.

From the spirit of pride and avarice; from anger, sloth, and envy; from sensuality and self-indulgence, from lust and impurity,

Deliver us, &c.

From every evil spirit, and from all their suggestions and deceits,

Deliver us, O gracious Lord.

And vouchsafe to give us the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of knowledge and truth, of counsel and fortitude; the Spirit of sobriety, chastity, temperance, and modesty; the Spirit of prayer, humility, benevolence, and meekness; the Spirit of compunction, sanctification, and the fear of God; and the Spirit of peace and love.

Impart to us these Thy gifts, we pray Thee, O Lord.

Fill our understandings with the knowledge of Thy truth. Keep us from grieving Thee: and show us

the narrow way that leads to life, and enable us to walk in it.

Hear us we beseech Thee.

Impress our minds with the cheering yet awful truth, that our hearts are Thy temples, that we may avoid all sin. Make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness; give us comfort and strength in all our afflictions; and suffer us not to die in unrepented sin.

V. Have mercy upon us, and govern us in our life;

R. Have mercy upon us, and save us in our death.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED Spirit, the Almighty Paraclete, the Communication, Bond and Union of the Father and the Son; the pledge and token of our absent Lord, by whose power all things are enlivened which do truly live; and whose delight it is to reside and converse in the hearts of the simple, which Thou consecratest as temples to Thyself: come, gracious Spirit, have mercy upon us, descend from heaven into our hearts, waiting for Thy comfort; and so fit us for Thine own Self, that through the multitude of Thy compassions our meanness and weakness may be accepted. Sanctify our bodies, and consecrate them for Thine own habitation. Make glad our souls with Thy presence, that we may rejoice in all tribulations. Prepare them as a mansion for Thyself; and furnish Thy resting-place with all Thy gifts and graces. Drive out from thence whatsoever is corrupt, renew in us Thy own workmanship, with beauty uncorruptible, for ever. Convey unto us heavenly light, heat and motion, that having tasted of the heavenly gift, we may never be seduced by our own, or any evil spirit; but, inspired continually and led by Thee, we may be ready for every good word and work, and relish those which are hidden from the worldly. Purify our minds by Thy holy inspirations; exhilarate them when sad by Thy pure and holy joys;

lead them when going astray into all truth; inflame them when cold with the fire of Thy charity, and unite them by the bond of peace. Finally, be Thou the tie, whereby we may love the Father and the Son; and the sweet fruition unto us of the Father and the Son, with whom we worship and adore Thee, in the unity of the same Godhead for ever and ever. Amen.

[*See also Thanksgivings.*]

Trinity-Sunday.

[*See Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity.*]

JUNE 11.—ST. BARNABAS.

WE remember this day the great disciple and companion of the Apostles, the messenger of the Gospel to the Gentiles, the son of consolation to multitudes; a burning and shining light in the Church of Antioch; a faithful witness and martyr of Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

We celebrate his blessed memory, of whom the Holy Ghost records that "he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost;" the memory of blessed Barnabas, who, to follow Christ, left not a few poor nets, but, being rich in lands and possessions, joyfully quitted all, that so he might have a name written in heaven. Alleluia!

For ever blessed be the grace and consolation of our Lord, who so eminently honoured this His disciple, by making him an instrument in the foundation of so many glorious Churches, that not excepted wherein the name of Christians first began. Alleluia!

[*Collect, Epistle, and Gospel.*]

[*Use the Prayer for Whitsuntide.*]

JUNE 24.—ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

THIS is the great harbinger of the world's Redeemer, sanctified from his mother's womb, and in whose nativity many were made to rejoice. This is that burning and shining light, who, despising the pleasures, and even conveniences of the world, chose his garment of camel's hair, with a leathern girdle about his loins, and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Alleluia.

[*Then read Lessons.*]

A PRAYER.

O God, whose gracious providence summons us this day to celebrate the Nativity of the great St. John Baptist, the forerunner of Thy Son, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we now rejoice in his nativity, so we may imitate his life, while every one of us, in our several capacities, endeavours to learn of him those excellent lessons of retiredness, mortification, humility, self-denial, zeal for justice, and courage in defending the truth, and charity in all our actions, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

JUNE 29.—ST. PETER.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

TO-DAY Simon Peter ascended the cross, and joyfully passed to his Master. Come, let us adore our crucified Lord. Alleluia.

This is he, who, when he was young, girded himself and walked whither he would; but when he was old, for the sake of his Master, stretched forth his hands while another girded him, and carried him

whither he would not; yet bowed he his will, and glorified God by his death. Alleluia.

This pattern hath the great Apostle of this day left us of suffering for the doctrine he taught, and in the service of the same Lord whom he had preached. Alleluia.

He both preached the Gospel and died for it, confirming with his blood the truths he had delivered; and not refusing to lay down his life for his Master's sheep committed to him, finished with joy the course of his apostleship. Alleluia. Alleluia.

[*Then read Lessons.*]

A PRAYER.

O GOD, who, for the trial of our faith and obedience, sufferest us to be surrounded with variety of temptations from the world, the flesh, and the devil; how shall we stand fast, when Thy great Apostle St. Peter failed in the day of trial! Our help standeth in the name of the Lord, in the powerful intercession of the blessed Jesus, and in the comfortable assistance of the Holy Ghost. Make us, O Blessed Trinity, like the Apostle of this day, as eminent and remarkable for our repentance and zeal in Thy service; that being stedfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, we may, through Thy mercy, be received into Thine everlasting kingdom; there, with the glorious company of prophets and apostles, the noble army of martyrs, and all the shining host of heaven, to sing praise unto Him who sitteth on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever. Amen.

JULY 25.—ST. JAMES THE GREAT.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

No sooner was James the son of Zebedee called by our Lord, but he immediately obeyed, and left all to

follow Jesus. He frankly professed the Divinity of his Saviour, and by his cheerfulness to lose his head for it, converted his accuser to be his companion in martyrdom. Alleluia.

V. Blessed James was the first of the Apostles to suffer martyrdom, and he now enjoys his mother's desire.

R. Seated at the right hand of Jesus, in His kingdom.

[*Then read Lessons.*]

A PRAYER.

O God, who by the feast of the holy Apostle St. James, revivest in us the memory of Thy great mercy to the world, in so glorious an example of readily following our Saviour, both in this life, and out of it; grant us, we humbly beseech Thee, at the call of Thy grace, the same readiness to quit all entanglements of worldly affections and interest. Let us rejoice in every occasion of testifying the sincerity of our love, by suffering for Thy truth; and let the firm belief of the glorious rewards which Thou hast prepared for them who laid down their lives for Thy sake, support us under all persecutions. Grant this, O blessed Lord, who didst die for us, and didst rise again, and now sittest at the right hand of the Father, to intercede for all Thy faithful disciples. Amen.

AUGUST 24.—ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

THIS is that Apostle who cheerfully submitted to be flayed alive and beheaded, for the testimony of the truth, and for the love of Jesus. Alleluia! Alleluia!

He was the Israelite in whom his Lord saw no

guile. At the last day he shall be clothed again, and in his flesh shall see God. Alleluia!

[*Then read Lessons.*]

V. He now triumphs with those who come out of great tribulation.

R. Clothed in robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb. Alleluia!

A PRAYER.

O God, who by the martyrdom of Thy blessed Apostle St. Bartholomew, refreshest in our memories the glorious attestations which Thy providence has vouchsafed the world for the confirmation of Thy truth, grant us, we beseech Thee, with such concern to reflect on the excessive pains he took and suffered for propagating the Gospel, and the great reward which he now enjoys in Thy blissful Presence, that our faith may be strengthened to run the same race. Make us, like him, without guile; that, paying an entire, uniform obedience to all Thy commandments, and seeking in all our words and actions to advance Thy glory, we may, through Thy infinite mercy, be graciously accepted by Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

SEPT. 21.—ST. MATTHEW.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

FEAR not, O my soul! be not discouraged, nor make Thy past offences unpardonable by despair. This is he who, of a sinner, became a preacher; and of a publican, was called to be an Apostle.

Mistrust not the power of God's grace, but take

heed of delaying to embrace it, or relapsing into the sins of which thou hast repented.

[*Then read Lessons, and use the Prayer against the love of the world.*]

SEPT. 29.—ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

COME, let us adore the King of angels.

Praise the Lord, all ye His angels, that excel in strength; that fulfil His commands. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, for He hath given His holy angels charge over Thee, to keep Thee in all Thy ways. He has commanded His angels to minister for our good; and they shall come with Him, in His majesty, to judgment, and shall gather His elect from the four winds of heaven. Alleluia!

A PRAYER.

HEAR us, O holy Lord, Almighty Father, eternal God! and vouchsafe to send Thy holy angels from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all that are assembled in this place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let all the angels, archangels, and thrones, praise our Lord. Let all dominations, principalities, and powers, praise Him. Let all the heavenly host of cherubim and seraphim praise Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, all ye glorious choirs of blessed spirits, praise Him with us, and magnify Him for ever. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V. Let us praise the Lord for those ministering spirits. Alleluia!

R. Let us praise Him for all the benefits we receive by them. Alleluia!

[*Then read the Lessons.*]

A PRAYER.

O GOD, who this day calledst us by the voice of Thy Church to commemorate all the glorious hosts of heaven, who by Thy appointment assist Thy elect against the powers of darkness: give us grace, we beseech Thee, to praise and adore Thee for their ministry and protection; and to strive to do Thy will with the same diligence, zeal, and cheerfulness, as Thy blessed angels do in heaven; that imitating their exemplary obedience and unspotted purity in our lives, we may enjoy the advantage of their ministrations in the hour of death; and being by them conducted to the mansions of glory, may be advanced to a more intimate society with them in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OCT. 18.—ST. LUKE.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

WE commemorate this day the disciple and companion of the great Apostle—Luke, the beloved physician, whose praise is in all the Churches. Alleluia.

[*Then read Lessons.*]

Worthy is this blessed Evangelist of high honour in the Church.

V. He is highly honoured before the throne of the Lamb.

R. And with the glorious messengers of peace, worships before it day and night. Alleluia!

A PRAYER.

O GOD, whose special grace rendered Luke the physician a glorious disciple and evangelist, grant that whenever I see a member of Thine suffering, as a fellow-member I may suffer with it: that I may remember those who are in bonds as bound with them. Let me not be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord, nor of those who are his prisoners; but rejoice to make myself the companion of such as bear tribulations for His truth, and be glad when I can minister to their necessities. When they are sick and in prison, give me a heart to visit them. And, oh, that I may look upon such services as the most blessed opportunities of showing my love unto Thee, O blessed Jesus! Knowing that thus to communicate is accepted by Thee as done to Thyself; and that, by having a fellowship with the saints in their sufferings, I may have a fellowship with them in that blessedness, wherewith Thou, O Father, wilt crown them in the end; through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

OCT. 8.—STS. SIMON AND JUDE.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL.

THESE are they that planted the Church of God with preaching, and watered it with their blood. Alleluia!

They ventured their lives among barbarous nations, and converted vast regions to the faith of Christ. Alleluia!

They rejected the flatteries of the world, and despised the menaces of their persecutors; and now, for all they did and suffered, are eternally rewarded. Alleluia! Alleluia!

[*Then read Lessons.*]

O God, who by a glorious martyrdom didst call the blessed Apostles St. Simon and St. Jude, from their eminent labours in Thy vineyard, to a blissful rest in Thy kingdom; grant us Thy grace, we beseech Thee, to improve this devout opportunity of celebrating their memories, both by praising Thee for such excellent instructions, and pressing more lively on ourselves their saving doctrines and examples, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Nov. 1.—ALL SAINTS.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye powers of my soul; praise the immortal King of saints and angels. Praise Him, the author of all their graces; praise Him, the finisher of all their glories.

Praise Him in the mighty hosts of angels, whom He sets about us to keep us in all our ways.

Praise Him in His apostles, to whom He revealed the mysteries of His kingdom, that they might show us the way to everlasting life.

Praise Him for the fortitude of the martyrs, whom He strengthened with courage to resist unto death, that we might learn from them to hold fast our faith.

Praise Him for the sanctity and holiness of His saints, whose souls He purified by His grace.

Let the holy prophets and apostles bless together the God who hast redeemed us. Let the noble army of martyrs, and goodly train of confessors, glorify Him who is the only strength of our salvation, even as He is of theirs. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to our Lord from the heavens. Praises to our God from the heights; for our Lord is glorified in His saints.

[*Read Epistle and Gospel; then say:*]

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So must we behold the conversation of the saints, as that we may also imitate their faith and patience. So must we celebrate their memories, as to strive to enter in as they did at the strait gate, by keeping our Lord's commandments.

V. Now, having entered, they magnify Him, and their spirits rejoice exceedingly in God their Saviour. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

R. Now they sing unto the Lord a new song. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[*Here read the Lessons, then—*]

Rejoice, all ye holy saints; rejoice, and sing for ever the mercies of your Lord. His blessed Hand has wiped away all tears from your eyes, and you shall no more weep nor complain; for the evening of sorrow is past, and the day of eternal joy is come. Now you no longer sigh to be delivered out of the dark prison, but shall dwell for ever in that glorious light, which proceeds from the face of God.

V. The just shall be as lilies planted in Paradise. Alleluia!

R. And shall flourish in the presence of God for ever. Alleluia!

V. The just shall shine as the sun, in the Presence of God; and neither night nor cloud shall eclipse them for ever. Alleluia!

R. For the glory of the Father shall shine upon them. Alleluia!

V. And the light of the Lamb illuminate them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING.

[*Here remembrance may be made of departed friends.*]

WE give Thee thanks, O Lord God most holy, and praise Thy glorious Majesty, for all the graces and virtues Thou hast wrought in Thy saints, (*especially—*)

and by them bestowed on Thy Church, from the beginning of the world, who by their lives and labours have shone as lights in their generations; such as were the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and confessors; and for whom, with all other Thy servants, our fathers and brethren, (*especially—*) who have departed this life with the seal of faith, and do now rest in the sleep of peace, we praise and magnify Thy glorious Name; most humbly desiring that we may so follow their good examples, that we may together with them attain to the resurrection of the just, and have our perfect consummation both of soul and body in Thy kingdom of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER.

MOST gracious God, the Author of all sanctity, and the Lover of unity; whose Wisdom has established a wonderful communion between the Church triumphant in heaven, and militant on earth, as members of the same mystical Body of which Thy Son Jesus Christ is the Head; mercifully grant that we may continually praise Thee for Thy saints, and commemorate with thankfulness their heroic piety who served Thee in hunger and thirst, in prisons and chains, on racks and in tortures, and who undauntedly encountered death armed with the greatest terrors. We rejoice in the glory and happiness to which they are now advanced, the greatness of which the heart of man cannot conceive. Give us grace to celebrate their memories, and emulate their holy conversation, till we all meet before Thy glorious throne, and with one heart adore the Saviour of us all. Amen.*

* The Doxology in the Office for Holy Communion may be repeated on all Festivals.

The Vigils and Fasts.

COME, let us arise, and go to our Father ; let us turn to the Lord our God, that He may turn to us, and bless us.

Let us return, every one from his evil way ; and the Lord will turn from His fierce anger. The Lord our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.

Come, let us take up our cross, and follow our Lord ; setting before us the lively examples of the apostles and martyrs, and other great lights of His Church, (*more particularly ——, whose blessed memory we are now called to celebrate.*)

Come, let us watch unto prayer, as our Lord has commanded. Let us now watch with Him, and faint not, and also with them who walk in His steps, serving Him in hunger and thirst, labour and weariness, in watching and fastings, with prayer and holy meditation.

Come, let us now separate ourselves from the world, that so we may keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, in the fellowship of all His saints.

ANTIPHON.

BEHOLD, the feast of (*here name the festival*) is at hand ; let us prepare our hearts to entertain it, that so gracious a help to devotion may not be lost upon us ; and that our conversation and communion may be fixed above with Christ.

V. In vain we commemorate the joys of the saints when we do not imitate their virtues.

R. In vain do we keep their feasts, if we practise,

not those self-denials and mortifications which helped them to subdue their sins.

A PRAYER.

O GOD, who inspirest Thy Church to sanctify the year with festival memorials of our blessed Saviour, and His most exemplary followers, and to excite and introduce our devotions to each feast by the wholesome discipline of a religious fast, grant us, Thy servants, we most humbly beseech Thee, brought again to the eve of the festival of ———, by this day's obedient mortification of our carnal appetites, to call in and purify our souls, and fitly dispose them for the fruitful celebration of the approaching solemnity, through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

THE EMBER-DAYS.*

[The following Prayers to be said on these Days.]

A PRAYER.

O GOD, by whose providence Thy Church from ancient times hath set apart four solemn seasons of conferring holy orders upon chosen persons, to supply the faithful with a succession of Priests and Deacons, and enjoined all, with more than usual devotion, to implore Thy special assistance in a work which so concerns us all; hear, we most humbly beseech Thee, Thy servants. Give the bishops of our and of all other Churches the grace of discerning spirits, that they may ordain such only as are indeed fit for their sacred functions, and grant us the grace of reverence and due submission to those so ordained, as

* See also Prayers in the Book of Common Prayer and in Ordination Services.

truly sent by Thee for our edification ; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, evermore. Amen.

FOR THE CLERGY, THAT THEY MAY RIGHTLY DISCHARGE THEIR HOLY FUNCTION.

GRANT, O Lord, that all those who dedicate themselves to the service of Thy altar, may be inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon them that sacred ministration; that their consciences may testify to them, that by engaging in this holy calling, their chief design is to serve Thee, promote Thy glory, and edify Thy people; that they may neither be led by ambition nor covetousness; that neither the honours nor the revenues that are annexed to this profession may have any competition in their minds with a mighty zeal for Thy glory, and a desire to promote the salvation of souls. To this end, O Lord, grant that they may make Thy holy writ the chief subject of all their studies; that they may from thence instruct Thy people committed to their charge, and silence gainsayers; that they may faithfully and diligently administer Thy Holy Sacraments; that they may labour in season and out of season, by private and public admonitions and exhortations; that they may maintain peace and love among all Christians, and frame themselves and their families according to the precepts of Thy holy Gospel. Give them the will, O Lord, to do their duty, and strength and power faithfully to perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASH-WEDNESDAY, AND THE SEASON OF LENT.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art always ready to give Thy assistance to every good thought, every honest intention, and sincere endeavour to consecrate ourselves to Thy service; yet hast taught us to hope for the aids of Thy grace in the use of fasting and mortification, and self-denial, and all other useful ways of subduing the lusts of the flesh; give, O Lord, Thy blessing and assistance to all that humble themselves before Thee. Accept their abstinence, hear their prayers, and forgive their sins. Bless me, O my Father; let Thy Spirit help my infirmities, and so assist me, that my flesh being so subdued to the Spirit, my fasting may be consecrated to Thee, who seest in secret, and Thou mayest reward me openly, among those who, by keeping themselves from the defilements of the flesh, shall be fitted to follow the Lamb for ever and ever. All this I beg for His sake, who fasted for ours, Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.—*Inett.*

A PRAYER DURING LENT.

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son, for our sakes, didst fast forty days and forty nights; give me grace to use such abstinence, during this season, dedicated to the exercise of repentance, that my flesh may be subdued to the Spirit, and my mind the better disposed to approach Thee with order and fervency of affection. Inure me, by self-denial, to bring my body into subjection, and to punish all those excesses I have been guilty of in the use of Thy creatures. Let my retirement from the world make me see the vanity and emptiness of it, and teach me to relish the pleasures of spiritual enjoyments. Make me heartily to bewail

my sins, and do Thou work in me a godly sorrow unto salvation, not to be repented of; that, perceiving how bitter a thing it is to depart from the living God, I may no longer continue at a distance from the Fountain of joy and happiness; but, confessing and forsaking my sins, may be entirely converted unto Thee, through Jesus Christ, my only Saviour. Amen.—*Spinckes.*

The Holy Week.

PRAYERS UPON THE LIFE AND DEATH OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

I.

O SWEET Saviour, who for the love of mankind, didst vouchsafe to descend from Thy royal throne, from the bosom of Thy Father, into this vale of misery, and to take on Thee the form of a sinner, even human flesh in the sanctified womb of the most chaste and pure Virgin;

Be pleased of Thy great clemency to make my heart Thy habitation, adorn it to that end with all spiritual graces, and be daily born in me, by renewing in my soul a fervent love to Thee; and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Lord, who being God Almighty, didst not disdain at Thy birth to be wrapped in swaddling clothes, and to be laid in a manger,

Grant that I may be ever in Thy sight a little infant in humility and lowliness of spirit: take from me all ambitious thoughts, and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Lord, who at Thy birth wouldest be received into this world with the joyful hymns of blessed angels, and be found to the great delight and admiration of poor shepherds;

Give Thy grace unto me, Thy poor unworthy servant, continually to persevere in Thy praise, to seek Thee with the shepherds' affection, by seeking to find Thee, and finding Thee, always to retain and enjoy Thee, and

Be merciful to me.

II.

O SWEET Jesus, who wert pleased upon the eighth day to be circumcised, and in that most tender age of Thine, didst begin to shed Thy blood, merely for the love of me and mankind,

Cut off, I entreat Thee, all superfluities from my soul, and take from me all evil thoughts, words, and works, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Christ, who (to the unspeakable comfort of me and all Thine elect) wouldest be called by the saving name of Jesus,

Grant that the memory of this name may ever cause a reverent respect in me toward Thee, and that by it I may be preserved all my life, and at the hour of death, and

Be merciful to me.

O loving Lord God, who wouldest be found by the wise men which sought Thee with faith and devotion, and who, having found Thee, fell before Thee with oblations of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

Be pleased, I beseech Thee, that I may find Thee in spirit, and worship Thee in spirit and in truth:

offering unto Thee the gold of bright shining charity, the incense of pure devotion, and the myrrh of perfect mortification, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Saviour, who to leave mankind an example of obedience and humility, wouldest become subject to the law, and be brought to the temple, and there have offered for Thee the oblations of the poor, and not the rich,

Give me the grace of obedience, to subject myself willingly to my governors: suffer not the least thought of pride to reign in me, but quench in me all haughtiness of spirit, with inordinate love and conceit of myself, and

Be merciful to me.

III.

O GRACIOUS Lord, who, whilst Thou wert yet young and tender, wert contented to suffer persecution, and fly with Thy blessed mother into Egypt,

Grant me such ability by Thy grace, whereby I may not only suffer persecution and affliction when it shall please Thee, but also persecute and punish all wickedness within myself before it grow too strong for me, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Jesus, who being sought for by Thy blessed mother three days, wouldest be found of her in the temple,

Suffer me never to be severed from Thee, give me such a devotion toward Thee that I may never be weary in serving Thee, nor satisfied with praising Thee, either in church or private closet, and

Be merciful to me.

O loving Lord, who wouldest enter the river Jordan, and there be baptized by Thy forerunner John the Baptist,

Be pleased that I may be purified in this life by
Thy merits, and thereby washed from all my sins, and
Be merciful to me.

IV.

O GRACIOUS Saviour, who didst continue fasting and
praying forty days and nights together in the desert,
and after divers temptations, didst overcome Satan,

Grant that I may chastise my flesh, and exercise
myself in fasting, watching, prayer, and other spiritual
exercises, and subdue all evil affections which rebel
against the Spirit, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Redeemer, who for my sake didst subject
Thyself to many sorrows and necessities; to heat,
cold, hunger, thirst, weariness, sweat, journeys, persecu-
tions, and tribulations,

Strengthen me with the aid of Thy Holy Spirit,
that I may willingly bear all adversities, as coming
from Thy hand, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Lord, who, while Thou wert upon earth,
didst vouchsafe to comfort the sons of men, and heal
their infirmities,

Replenish my heart with all pious affection, that
I may account the miseries of others as mine own, and
supply their necessities in whatsoever I may, accord-
ing to my ability, and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Lord, who for Thy love to mankind,
didst endure infinite miseries, injuries, calumnies,
blasphemies, and revilings, even of those to whom
Thou hadst done much good,

Create in me a heart pure and innocent, which may
forgive mine enemies, and love them, rendering good
for evil, whereby I may show myself a true follower
of Thy perfect charity and patience, and

Be merciful to me.

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v.

O MERCIFUL Saviour, who to abrogate the ceremonial law, didst eat the paschal lamb with Thy disciples, and, giving them an example of humility, upon Thy knees didst wash their feet,

Grant that this example may take deep impression in me ; give me perfect humility, true obedience, and fervent love, whereby I may love Thee sincerely, and all others unfeignedly, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Lord, who of Thy great love didst institute the blessed sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, whereby Thou mightest continue with us to the end of the world,

Stir up in me an earnest desire and longing after this holy Sacrament, and grant that I may ever receive it with a chaste love, deep affection, and a pure heart, and

Be merciful to me.

O loving Lord, who when Thou wert to leave this world didst comfort Thy disciples, and with ardent and affectionate prayer didst commend them to the Father, thereby showing what love Thou didst bear to them. and all others, who should believe in Thee,

Make my heart sensible of this love, and raise in me an earnest affection to Thee, that I may be wholly transformed into the love of Thee, and

Be merciful to me.

O merciful Saviour, who, praying in the garden, didst wholly resign Thyself to Thy Father's good pleasure, desiring that not Thy will but His should be wholly done,

Give me grace, that in all adversity and tribulation I may fly to Thee by prayer, and ever commit myself to Thy providence and good pleasure, and

Be merciful to me.

VI.

O SWEET Jesus, who didst suffer Thyself to be taken and bound as a malefactor, neither didst lament nor murmur whilst Thou wert shamefully entreated by Thy enemies,

Give me strength, after Thine example, willingly and patiently to endure all adversity and tribulation, which shall at any time befall me, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Saviour, who wouldest be forsaken of Thine own disciples, in the midst of Thy troubles and afflictions,

Pardon me, Thy fugitive servant, and receive me into Thy favour: suffer me not to wander from Thee any more, but give me such constancy and perseverance, that I may continue in Thy service to the end of my days, and

Be merciful to me.

O merciful Jesu, who standing in the presence of the High Priest, didst patiently endure a cruel blow,

Mortify in me all angry affections, that I be not disquieted when I am injured, nor think of revenge; but for Thy sake may bear all things patiently, rendering good for evil, and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Redeemer, who in the night of Thy passion, wouldest be mocked, derided, and many ways be despitefully handled,

Help mine infirmities, lend me aid that I may faint not under temptations or tribulations, but give me grace to be thankful to Thee for them, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Lord, who wouldest not reply to the unjust accusations of Thine enemies, but mildly, with a deaf ear, wouldest let them pass,

Grant that no slanders may move me to impatience,

but that by Thine example I may patiently overcome all that any way defame or injure me, and

Be merciful to me.

O loving Saviour, who being denied by Thy Apostle St. Peter, didst look on him with the eye of compassion, and cause him to bewail his offence with bitter tears,

Look also on me, a miserable sinner, with the same gracious and moving aspect, that I may wash away my sins with the tears of repentance, and never deny Thee, my Lord and Saviour, by word or deed, and

Be merciful to me.

VII.

O SWEET Jesu, who being stripped, wouldest be bound to a pillar and scourged, whereby Thy blessed body was torn and wounded,

Heal my wounds by Thy stripes, take all evil thoughts from me, and grant me patience to endure the strokes of Thy fatherly visitation, and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Lord, who after so many wounds received, and so much precious blood shed, wert mocked and crowned with a crown of thorns,

Grant that the remembrance thereof may be imprinted in my heart, and that I may love Thee for Thy exceeding charity, and wholly think of Thee, wholly contemplate on Thy bitter pains, and

Be merciful to me.

O bountiful Jesu, who wert pleased with great pain, labour, and weariness, to carry Thine own cross to Mount Calvary, and there to comfort the lamenting women, exhorting them to weep not for Thee, but for themselves and children,

Give me grace with a cheerful mind to bear any cross Thou shalt lay upon me, and to bewail with tears my sinful life past, and

Be merciful to me.

VIII.

O MERCIFUL Redeemer, who didst suffer Thy sacred hands and feet to be pierced with nails, and fastened to the cross, and there didst with great effusion of blood suffer inexpressible torments,

Grant that I may always, with a faithful and thankful heart, bear in mind Thy exceeding great love, who wouldest endure so great and grievous things for me. Purge and wash my soul with those streams of Thy most Precious Blood from all uncleanness, and offer them to the Father, for a full and plenary satisfaction of all my transgressions, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Lord, who in Thy bitter pains didst intercede with the Father for Thine enemies which crucified Thee; saying, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,

Give me grace, that according to Thy precept and practice I may love mine enemies, pray for them, and do good to those which do evil unto me, and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Lord, who being crucified between two thieves, didst promise to the one of them confessing Thee, the fruition of Paradise,

Look upon me with the eyes of pity, wherewith Thou beheldest that good thief, and grant I may live so, that at the end of my days, I may be found worthy to hear that joyful speech, *This day thou shalt be with me in paradise*, and

Be merciful to me.

O sweet Jesu, who for the grievousness of torments, and exceeding loss of blood, didst faint and cry, I thirst; and wert pleased to drink gall and vinegar,

Let the remembrance of this cup extinguish in me all inordinate riot and excess. Give me the virtue of sobriety, that all inordinate passions being quenched in me, I may wholly thirst after Thee, and

Be merciful to me.

O loving Lord, who when Thou wert so pleased, didst call for death, and bending Thy head, didst commend Thy Spirit into the hands of Thy Father,

Grant that the uncertainty of my death may be ever in my thoughts, and that I may be ever willing and ready to leave this transitory life when it shall seem good to Thee, to whose blessed protection I commend my soul, praying Thee to

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Saviour, who with great sorrow of Thy friends, wert taken down from the cross, and laid in the sepulchre,

Bury with Thee all my evil desire, that I may seem dead to those things which displease Thee, and be wholly delighted in Thee, my Redeemer, and

Be merciful to me.

IX.

O GLORIOUS Lord, who after three days, having overcome and triumphed over death and Satan, didst rise again out of the grave, and visit Thy disciples and friends,

Revive me from the death of sin, cause me to walk in newness of life, and to seek after heavenly things, that when Thou comest again, I may appear with Thee in glory, and

Be merciful to me.

O merciful Saviour, who forty days after Thy resurrection didst gloriously and triumphantly ascend into heaven in the sight of Thy disciples,

Let it please Thy goodness to infuse a longing desire and love of Thee into my soul, that it may be elevated in affection to Thee, and seek those things which are above, and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Lord, who according to Thy promise before Thy ascension didst send Thy Spirit upon Thy disciples, and other Thy elect servants,

Purify, I beseech Thee, my heart, that the same Spirit, finding my soul pure and clean, may make His abode in it, and adorn it with His manifold graces, and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Saviour, who when Thou shalt at the last day come to judge the quick and the dead, wilt render to every one according to his works, either reward or punishment,

Give me grace so to pass this earthly pilgrimage according to Thy holy will, that at that day I may be through Thy merits, thought worthy to be received into Thy heavenly mansion, there to praise and bless Thee with the holy company of the blessed saints and angels for evermore, and

Be merciful to me. Amen.—*Bp. Andrewes.*

Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

O LORD Jesus Christ, I adore Thee hanging on the Cross, and wearing on Thy head the crown of thorns ; I beseech Thee that by Thy Cross I may be delivered from the destroying angel. Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ, I adore Thee wounded on the Cross, and given vinegar and gall to drink ; I beseech Thee that Thy wounds may be the medicine of my soul. Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ, by that bitterness which Thou didst on the Cross undergo for me, a most miserable sinner, and most of all in that hour when Thy most Holy Soul departed from Thy blessed Body ; I beseech Thee have mercy on my soul, at the time of its departure, and carry it to life eternal. Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ, I adore Thee, laid in the

sepulchre, and embalmed with myrrh and spices ; I beseech Thee that Thy death may be my life. Amen.—*Gregory the Great.*

Holy Jesus, who wast lifted up upon the Cross, to draw all men unto Thee ; and didst hang on the accursed tree, and wast numbered with the transgressors, crucified amongst thieves ; oh draw my hard and stony heart unto Thee. All this sorrow and suffering, grief and torment of Thine, I verily believe was for me and for my sins. O (holy) Saviour, save and deliver me from all my sins, whether of knowledge or ignorance, of wilfulness or negligence, of omission or commission ; of thought, desire, word, or deed, confessed or not confessed before Thee : wash them all away in Thy precious blood shed for me ; nail them to Thy Cross, which were the cause of Thy crucifixion ; hide them in Thy wounds, and write those wounds of Thine in my heart, not with ink, but with the Blood which was shed for me ; that in and by those characters of blood I may read and learn to die unto sin, and live only unto Thee, Who died for me ; cleaving stedfastly unto Thee, whose whole Self was so fast nailed to the Cross for me. By Thy Cross and Passion, both in soul and body, cleanse me from all filthiness, both of flesh and spirit ; crucify this corruptible flesh of mine, with all the inordinate affections and unruly lusts thereof ; that, being conformed to Thy death, I may be partaker of Thy resurrection ; that “ suffering with Thee ” here, I may “ reign with Thee ” hereafter, where Thou livest. Amen.—*Sherlock.*

A PRAYER FROM ST. BERNARD.

I MUST needs love Thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, with my whole heart, with my whole soul and strength ; and follow Thy steps, that hast vouchsafed to die for

me. And how shall this be wrought in me but by Thee? Let my soul cleave to Thee, for all its strength hangeth upon Thee. O Lord, my Redeemer, I adore Thee as Very God, I trust in Thee, I hope in Thee, and with all the desire in my power I pant after Thee; help my imperfection. Fix my hands and my feet to Thy Cross, and wholly conform Thy servant, O Lord, to the likeness of Thy Passion; fashion also Thy servant after Thy life-giving death, working in me, that I may die according to the flesh, but live according to the Spirit of righteousness. Bless God my Saviour, O my soul, and magnify His Name for ever. Amen.—*Dev. on the Passion.*

A PRAYER TO GOD THE FATHER.

Look down, O Lord, Holy Father, from Thy sanctuary, from the high habitation of Thy heavens, and behold this holy offering which our great High Priest offers Thee, Thy holy Child, the Lord Jesus Christ, for the sins of His brethren; and be placable towards the multitude of our malice. Lo! the voice of the Blood of our Jesus crieth unto Thee from the Cross. Look, O Lord, upon the face of Thy Christ, who became obedient to Thee, even unto death. Oh! let His scars never pass from Thine eyes, that Thou mayest remember the greatness of the satisfaction Thou hast received from Him for our sins. And that we may participate in the true fruit of this most holy Passion, and glory aright in so great a Mediator, grant us that grace which is needful for all who are to be justified and saved; that so we may not only trust in the merits and promises of our Redeemer, but may be obedient also to His precepts, and walk in His footsteps, and by His example, through the same Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.*

* See also the Paraphrase on the Creed.

ROGATION-DAYS.

: [The Rogation days were first instituted on the occasion of some pestilence, with respect to which the wrath of God was deprecated by prayers (called in Greek *Litanies*, and in Latin *Rogations*,) and fastings. In these fasts the Church had a regard, not only to prepare our minds to celebrate our Lord's ascension after a devout manner; but also by fervent prayer and humiliation to appease God's wrath, that so He might avert those judgments which we have deserved, and bless the fruits with which the earth is at this time covered.—*Wheatley on Common Prayer*.]

A PRAYER.

O LORD, heavenly Father, of whose gift it is that the rain doth descend, the earth is fruitful, beasts increase, and fishes multiply, have mercy on us Thy unworthy servants; and though, for our sins, we have worthily deserved scarcity and dearth, sickness and mortality, or to be delivered into the hands of our enemies; yet for the sake of Thy blessed Son, and upon our own true repentance, send us plenty, and healthful seasons, unity, peace, and concord; deliver us from lightning and tempest, from fire, pestilence, and famine, from battle and murder; increase the fruits of the earth by Thy heavenly benediction; and grant that we, receiving Thy bountiful liberality, may use the same to Thy glory, the relief of those who are in need, and to our own comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

APPENDIX.



CHRISTMAS-DAY. (P. 212.)

WONDER, O heavens! and be amazed, O earth, and every creature humbly bow down your heads. Bow, and adore this incomprehensible mystery, the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

But most of all, let us, the fallen children of Adam, bow down our faces to the dust; and prostrate, adore so unspeakable a mercy.

Behold, thus low our Saviour stooped to take us from the earth, and raise us to the felicities of His glorious kingdom. Thus low He stooped, to check the pride of our corrupted nature.

Lift thy voice with joy, O my soul! and sing hosannas to the new-born Jesus. Hosanna!

Call all the blessed angels to celebrate His birth, and repeat afresh that heavenly anthem—"Glory to God," &c.

Rejoice, all ye faithful nations of the earth, when you hear the sweet Name of your Redeemer. Rejoice, and with bended knees and humble hearts, adore the Blessed Jesus.

He is the Son of the Everlasting God; equally participating the glories of the Father. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is the Great Messias, whom the Prophets foretold, and all the ancients so long expected. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EPIPHANY. (P. 217.)

O BLESSED Jesus, who tookest upon Thee our infirmities, to bestow on us Thine own perfections; heal us, Thou Great Physician of our souls, and let us sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon us.

Heal us by the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation, and the meekness of Thy humble Birth.

Heal us by Thy Circumcision. By this Thy gracious manifestations to the Gentiles, and by Thy mighty power.

Heal us by Thy Presentation in the Temple; by Thy life-giving Passion; victorious Resurrection, and the triumph of Thy glorious Ascension.

Heal us, O Thou Great Physician of our souls.

TRINITY SUNDAY. (P. 233.)

HOLY and Blessed art Thou, O King of eternal ages—Fountain and Giver of all righteousness.

Holy art Thou, the Eternal and Only-begotten Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world.

Blessing, and honour, and glory be unto the Lamb that was slain, for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy art Thou, O Blessed Spirit, that sanctifiest our hearts, and searchest all things, even the deep and hidden things of God.

Blessed be Thy Name, O Holy Spirit, and blessed be the bounty of Thy goodness.

Holy is our God. Holy is the Almighty. Holy is the Immortal. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth: heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Thou, O God, art Almighty : Thou art good and gracious, terrible in Thy majesty, holy, and merciful to the works of Thine hand.

Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty ; just and true are all Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name ? for Thou only art holy. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

SUPPLICATIONS SUITED FOR ANY FESTIVAL OR
EMBER-DAY.

REMEMBER Thy promises, O Lord, and save the remnant of Thy chosen Israel. Let them have hope in Thee, and take away the veil from before their eyes, that they may again be Thy people, and Thou their God.

Visit, O Lord, Thy Holy Church, and remove what is amiss in it. Kindle in the hearts of kings, and all in authority, a desire to advance Thy glory.

Inflame the hearts of the bishops and priests of Thy Church with fervent zeal for the conversion of souls.

Prepare, O Lord, the hearts of them that err, and make them to receive Thy truth ; then choose Thy burning and shining lights, and send them forth through the world. Go with them, O Lord, and guide them by Thy grace, and crown their labours with Thy blessing, that the valleys may be exalted, the mountains brought low, and the rough places made plain ; and all flesh see Thy salvation.

Hasten Thy kingdom, O gracious Lord !

THE END.

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